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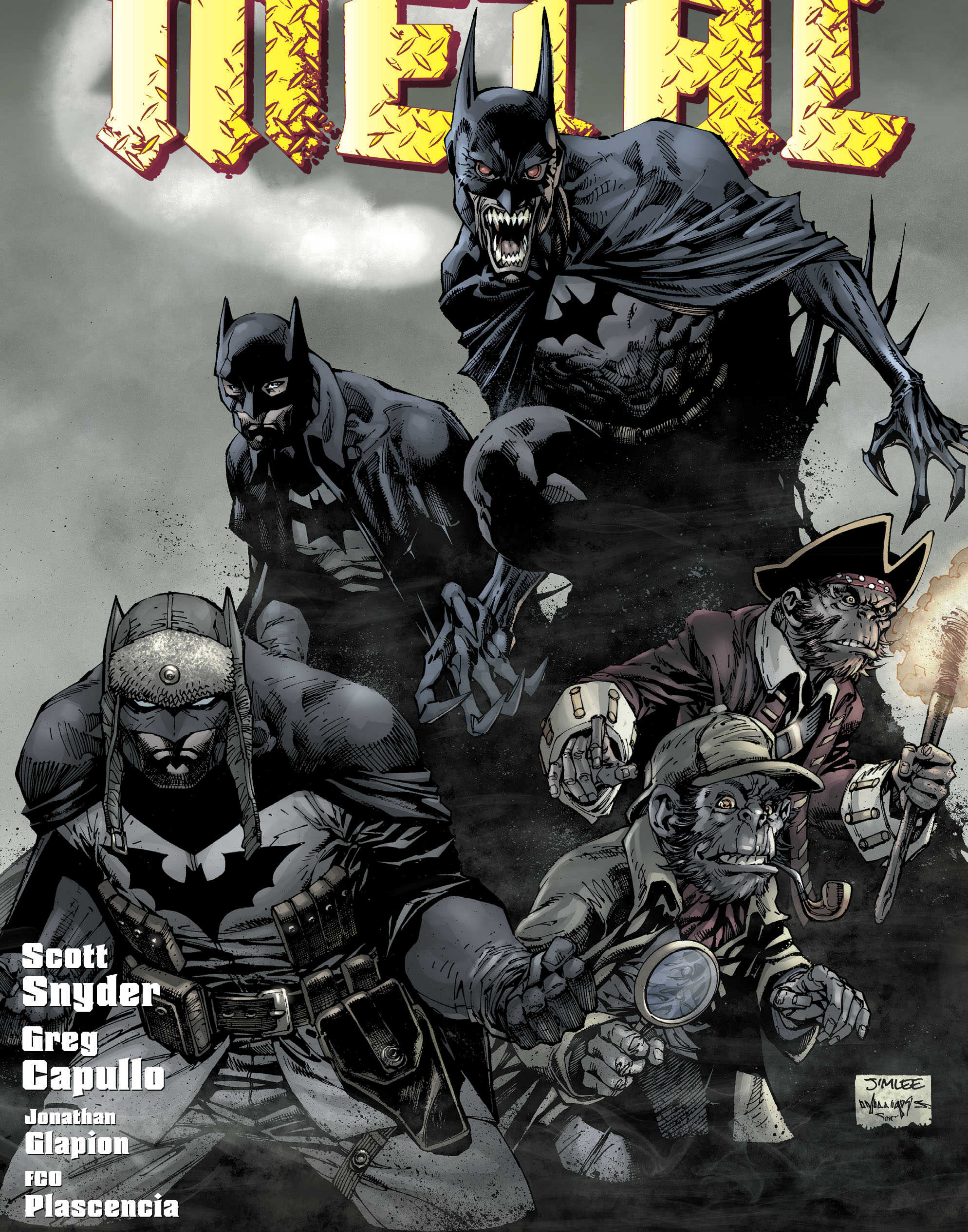
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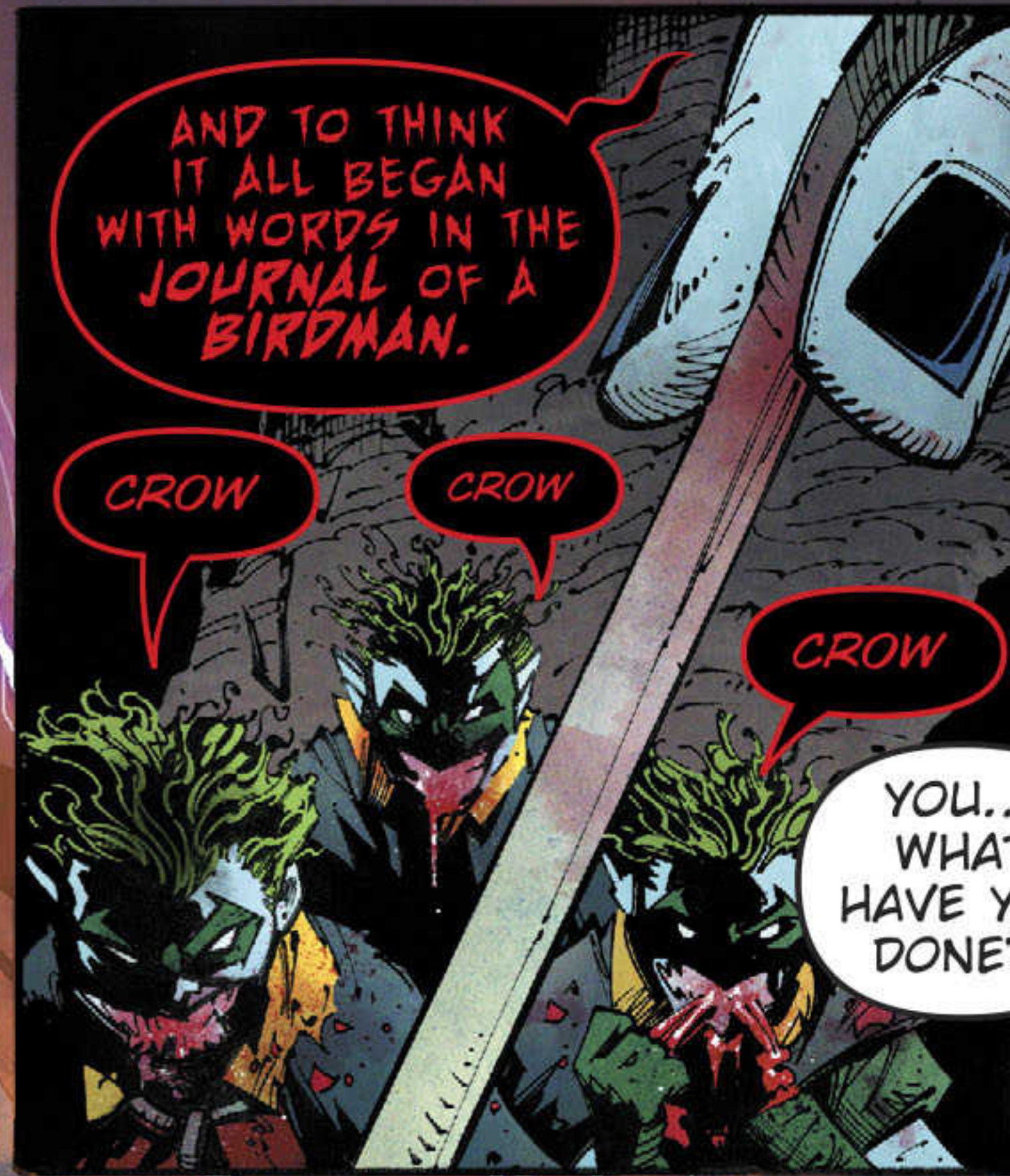
LOOK AT US! HOW FAR WE'VE COME TOGETHER...

MMMF...



THE JOURNEYS TAKEN, THE THINGS SEEN...

MMNMF
=GASP=
PLEASE...
DON'T--



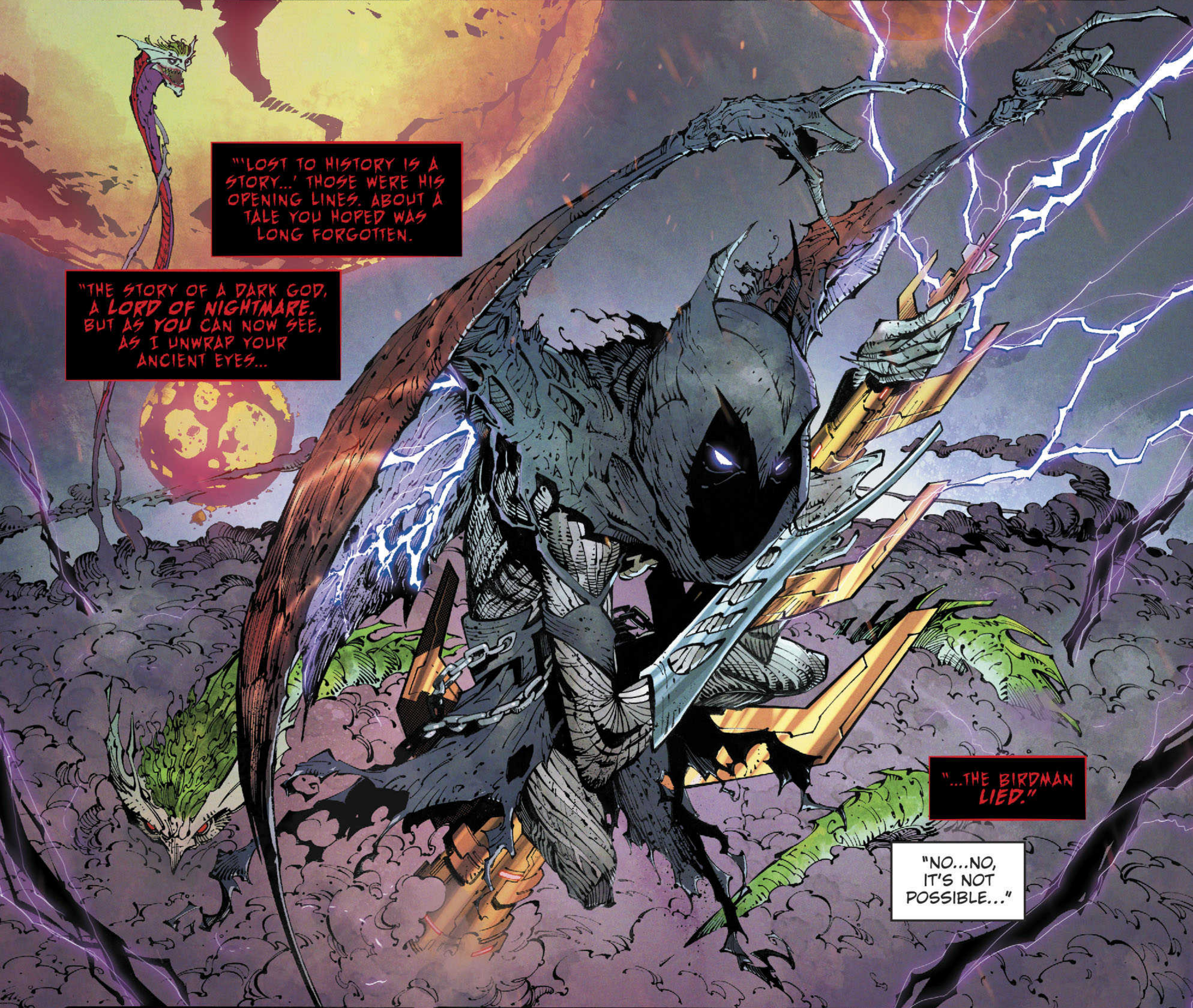
AND TO THINK IT ALL BEGAN WITH WORDS IN THE JOURNAL OF A BIRDMAN.

CROW

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YOU...
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!

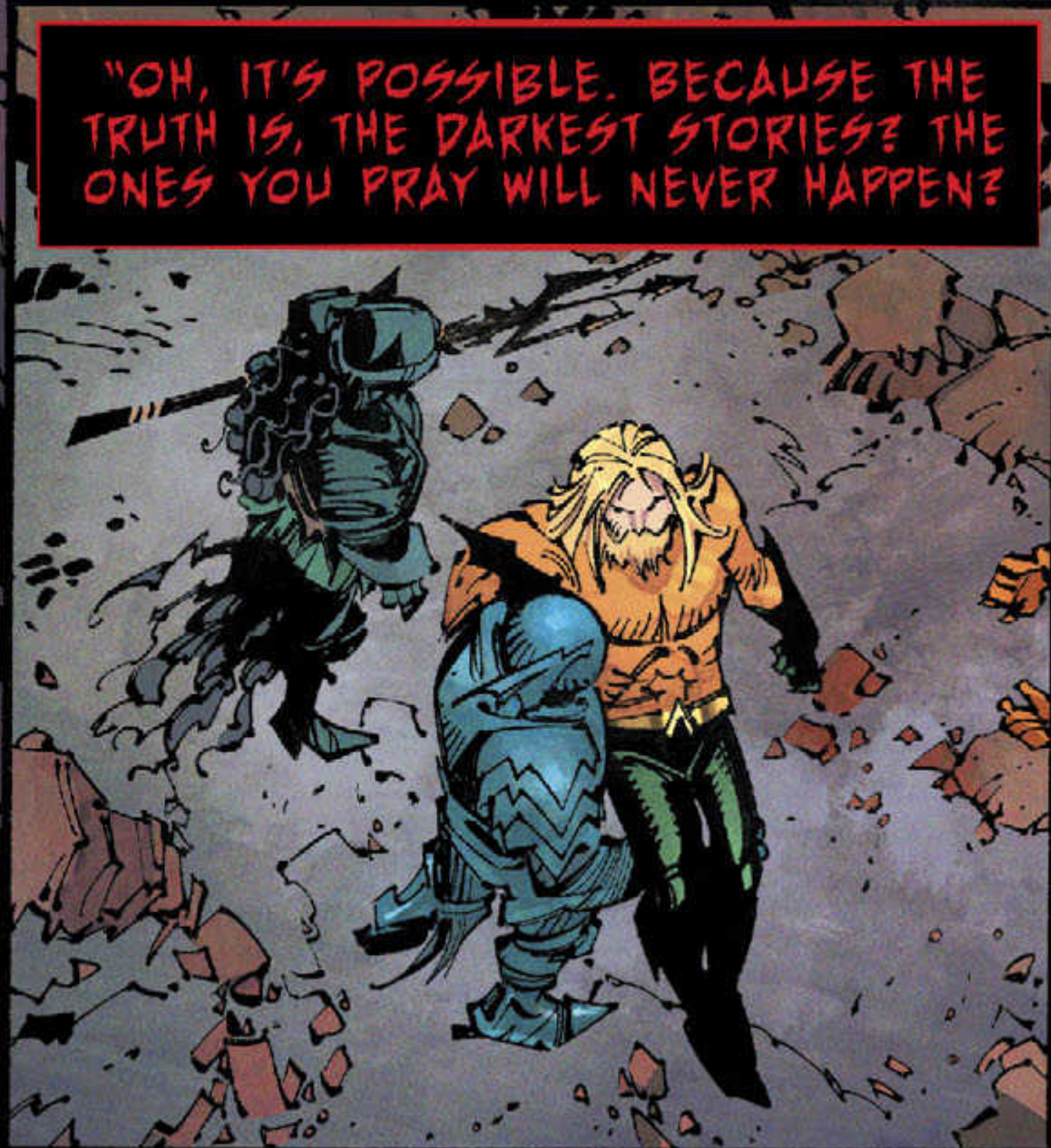


"'LOST TO HISTORY IS A STORY...' THOSE WERE HIS OPENING LINES. ABOUT A TALE YOU HOPED WAS LONG FORGOTTEN.

"THE STORY OF A DARK GOD, A LORD OF NIGHTMARE, BUT AS YOU CAN NOW SEE, AS I UNWRAP YOUR ANCIENT EYES...

"...THE BIRDMAN LIED."

"NO...NO, IT'S NOT POSSIBLE..."



"OH, IT'S POSSIBLE. BECAUSE THE TRUTH IS, THE DARKEST STORIES? THE ONES YOU PRAY WILL NEVER HAPPEN?"



"THEY'RE NEVER LOST. THEY'RE ALIVE AND WELL AND JUST WAITING TO COME GET YOU."



"TO DRAG YOU DOWN, ALONE, SCREAMING, BECAUSE IN THE END, ALL ROADS LEAD BACK..."

"...TO DARKNESS."

NOW.
EARTH. IN THE DARK MULTIVERSE.

WONDER WOMAN,
WE'VE BEEN ~~SHUH~~
FIGHTING FOR HOURS--
THE DARK ARMY IS
ENDLESS! THEY JUST
KEEP ADVANCING!

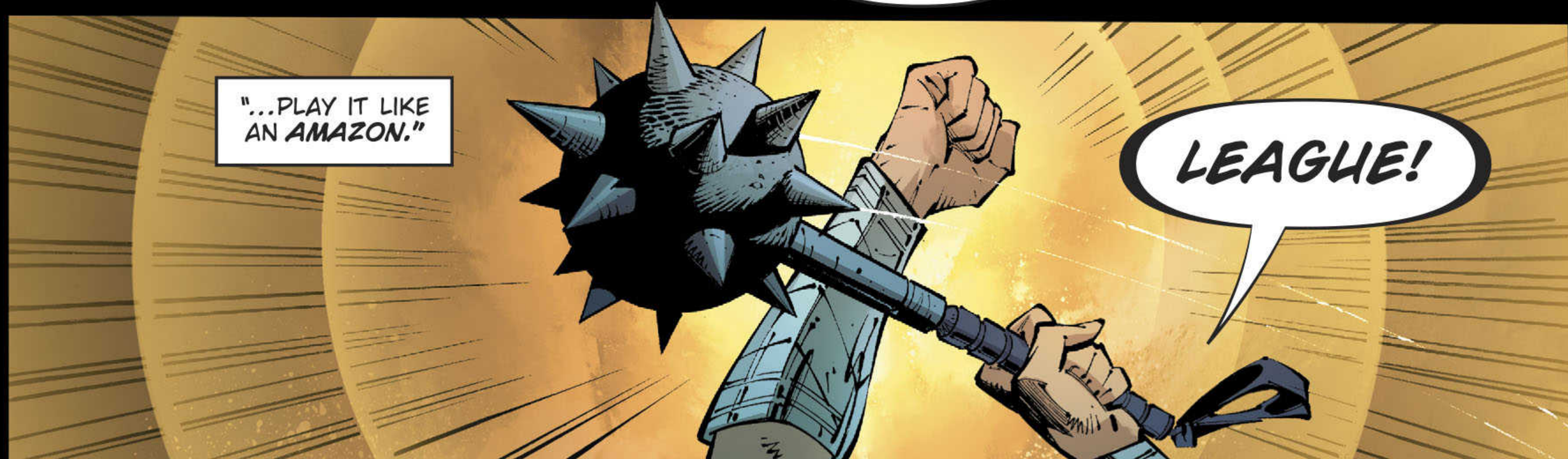
~~SHUFF~~ HUFF--
THEN SO DO
WE!

WE WILL TAKE
THIS MOUNTAIN INCH
BY CURSED INCH IF WE
HAVE TO, KENDRA, BUT
WE WILL REACH--
HRAA!

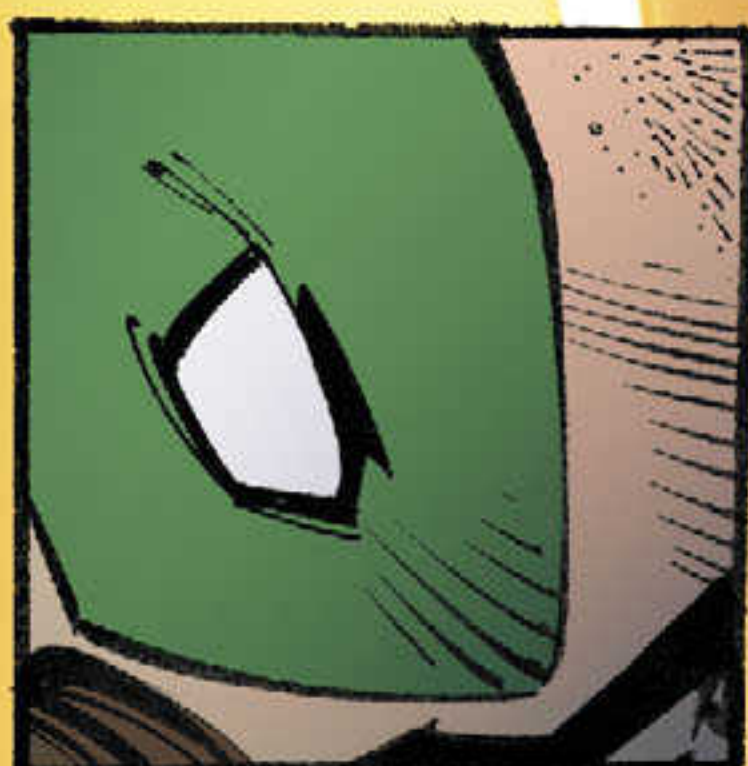
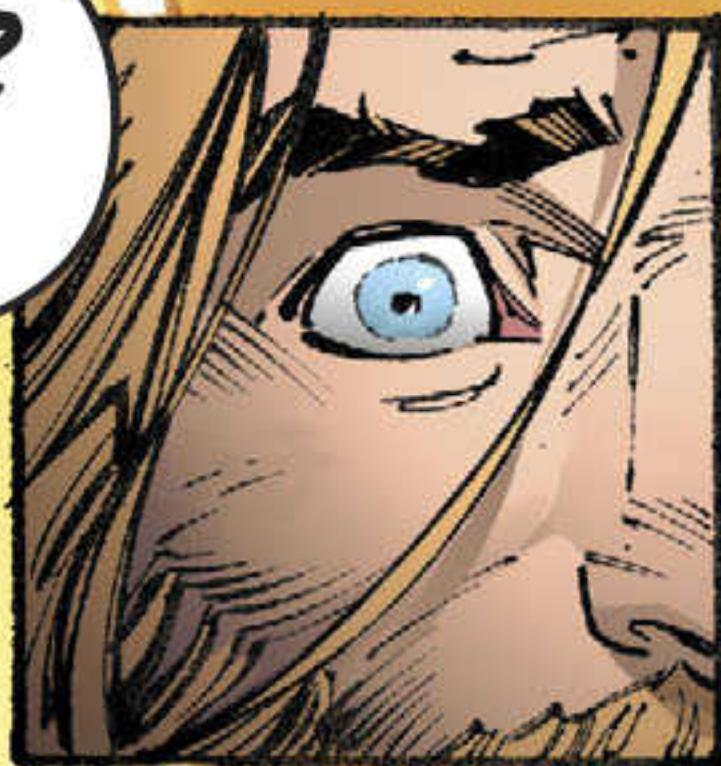
--OUR FRIENDS!
THE BATMAN WHO
LAUGHS SAID THEY'D
FALLEN TO HIS DARK
KNIGHTS--THEY
MUST BE UP
AHEAD!

SO WE FIND
THEM AND THEN
WHAT?! YOU KEEP
BANGING YOUR
BRACELETS, HOPING
THEY HEAR YOU,
BUT EVEN IF
THEY DO...

...THE EARTH
HAS SUNKEN
BELOW THE COSMIC
MEMBRANE! WE'RE
IN THE DAMN
DARK!



HEAR ME!



DIANA?!
WHAT THE
HELL IS GOING
O--

HAL! THERE'S
NO TIME! I HAVE
THE MACE, BUT I
CAN'T GET UP THE
MOUNTAIN TO
YOU!

WE NEED
TO CLEAR A
PATH!

THERE'RE TOO
MANY AND WE GOT NO
METAL, SCALES.

...EEL...



PLASTIC MAN!
I KNOW YOU CAN HEAR
ME! NOW IS THE
TIME! EEL!

~~~~~

I GET THAT  
YOU'RE AFRAID YOU'LL  
LOSE CONTROL, BUT  
YOU CAN DO THIS!  
**PLEASE!**

FORM A  
DINOSAUR, A  
BULLDOZER, A  
DAMN SHARK!  
ANYTHING!



OKAY...  
DOC HOLT...  
HOW...  
ABOUT...







IS THAT...  
PLASTIC  
MAN?!

HE'S  
CLEARING  
A PATH!

GREEN  
LANTERN,  
AQUAMAN,  
WE'RE COMING  
TO YOU WITH  
THE MACE!



WAIT! THE  
MACE AIN'T EN-N-OUGH!  
BARBATOS IS TOO  
STRONG!

BUT OF THE  
S-SIGNALS I GOT  
IN THAT OBLIVION PLACE,  
THE **LOUDEST** BY A MILE  
WAS **FROM THE DARK...**  
MAYBE IT'S SOME KIND  
OF...S-SOURCE?

I'M T-T-TELLING  
YOU SOMETHING'S  
DOWN THERE! OR **WAS**.  
JUST HURRY! I CAN'T  
HOLD THIS MUCH  
LONGER-R-R!

DIANA, LOOK!  
THE PORTAL  
**BARBATOS'** ARMIES  
CAME THROUGH! IT  
LEADS STRAIGHT TO  
THE DARK!

TAKE THE  
MACE, KENDRA!  
YOU'VE READ  
CARTER'S JOURNAL.  
YOU KNOW THE  
PATH BEST.

GO INTO  
THE DARK?  
BUT--

NO! THERE'S  
TOO MUCH DARK  
METAL IN ME...IT **HAS**  
TO BE YOU!

MY PLACE  
IS IN **BATTLE**.  
I--

CARTER WROTE  
THAT THE LORE  
SAYS TO FIND YOUR  
WAY THROUGH THE  
DARK, STAY **TRUE**  
OF **HEART**. JUST  
FOCUS!

ON  
WHAT?!

ON WHAT YOU  
**ALWAYS** DO--YOUR  
FRIENDS! I'VE MET A  
LOT OF PEOPLE OVER  
THOUSANDS OF LIVES,  
BUT YOU...YOU MAKE  
PEOPLE SEE  
THE **TRUTH!**

THAT THEY  
ARE **LOVED**.  
AND **WORTH** IT.  
YOU DID IT  
FOR ME.

FROM THE  
BEGINNING,  
BARBATOS HAS  
**SEPARATED**  
US, MADE US  
FEEL **ALONE**,  
**HOPELESS**.

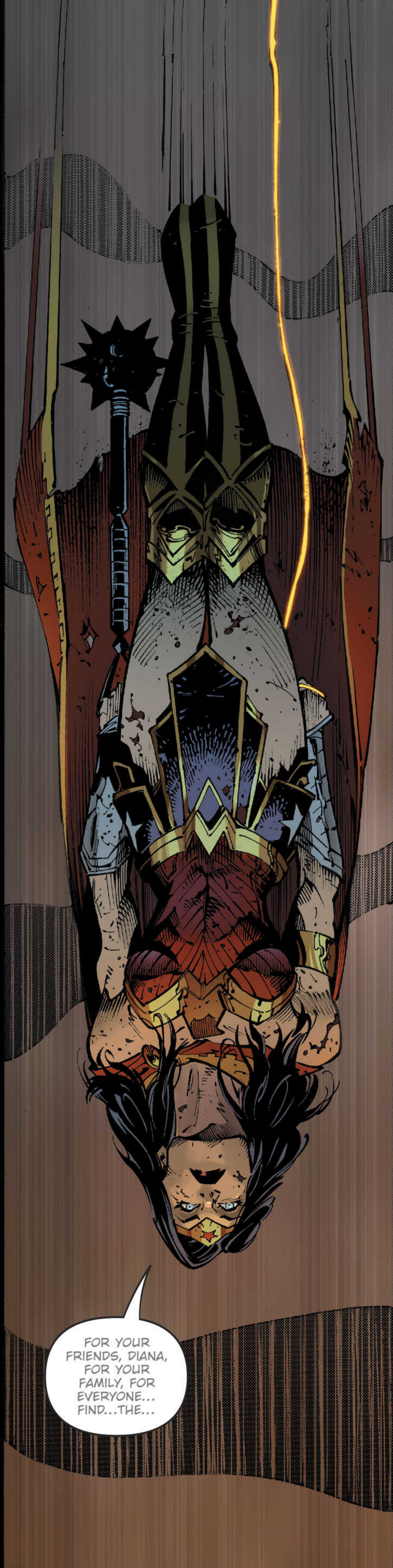
BUT YOU CALL  
THE FORMATIONS.  
YOU NEVER GAVE  
UP ON SUPERMAN,  
BATMAN, CARTER...  
OR ME. YOU  
**BIND** US.

SO, GO DOWN  
THERE AND FIND OUR  
FRIENDS! GET WHAT WE  
NEED AND **TOGETHER**  
WE'LL SEND THAT  
BASTARD BACK  
TO THE DARK!

I WON'T  
LET GO! I'LL  
NEVER LET GO  
AGAIN!

I KNOW  
YOU WON'T,  
SISTER.





FOR YOUR FRIENDS, DIANA, FOR YOUR FAMILY, FOR EVERYONE... FIND...THE...



...SOURCE?

KENDRA, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

I THINK I FOUND IT, BUT ALL I SEE IS DARKNESS.

THE FORGE IS DARK, NOW AND FOREVER.



THE METAL OF POSSIBILITY IS COLD AND YOUR FRIENDS HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO ITS DEPTHS, AS YOU WILL BE! HAIL BARBATOS!

WHAT ARE Y--



I AM THE DRAGON OF THE FORGE AND NOW YOU SHALL BE--

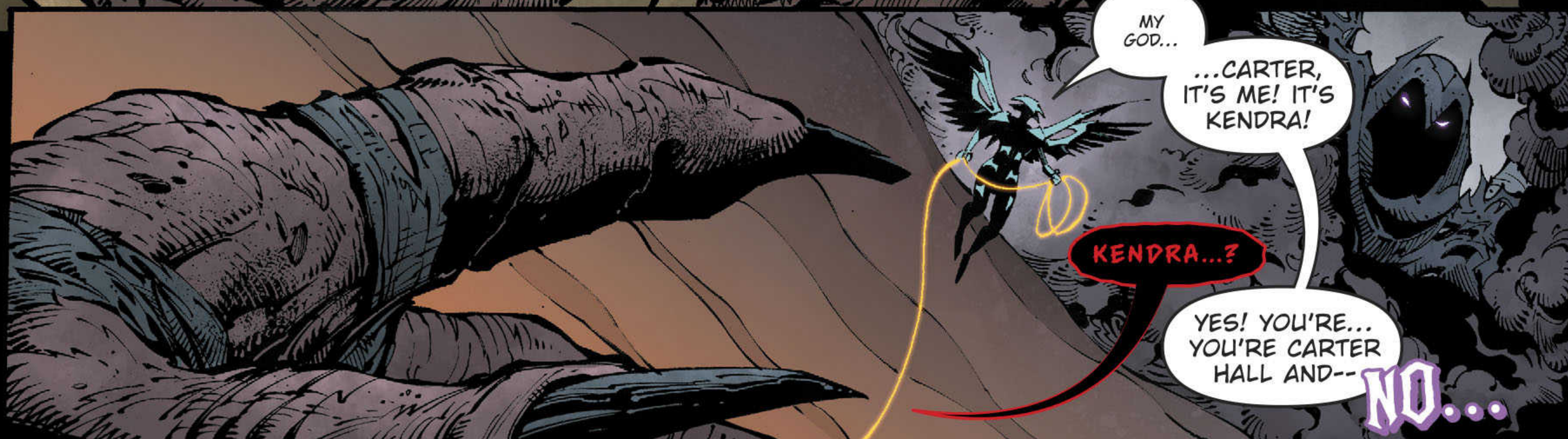
CARTER?!





CARTER HALL!

WHO...



MY GOD...

...CARTER, IT'S ME! IT'S KENDRA!

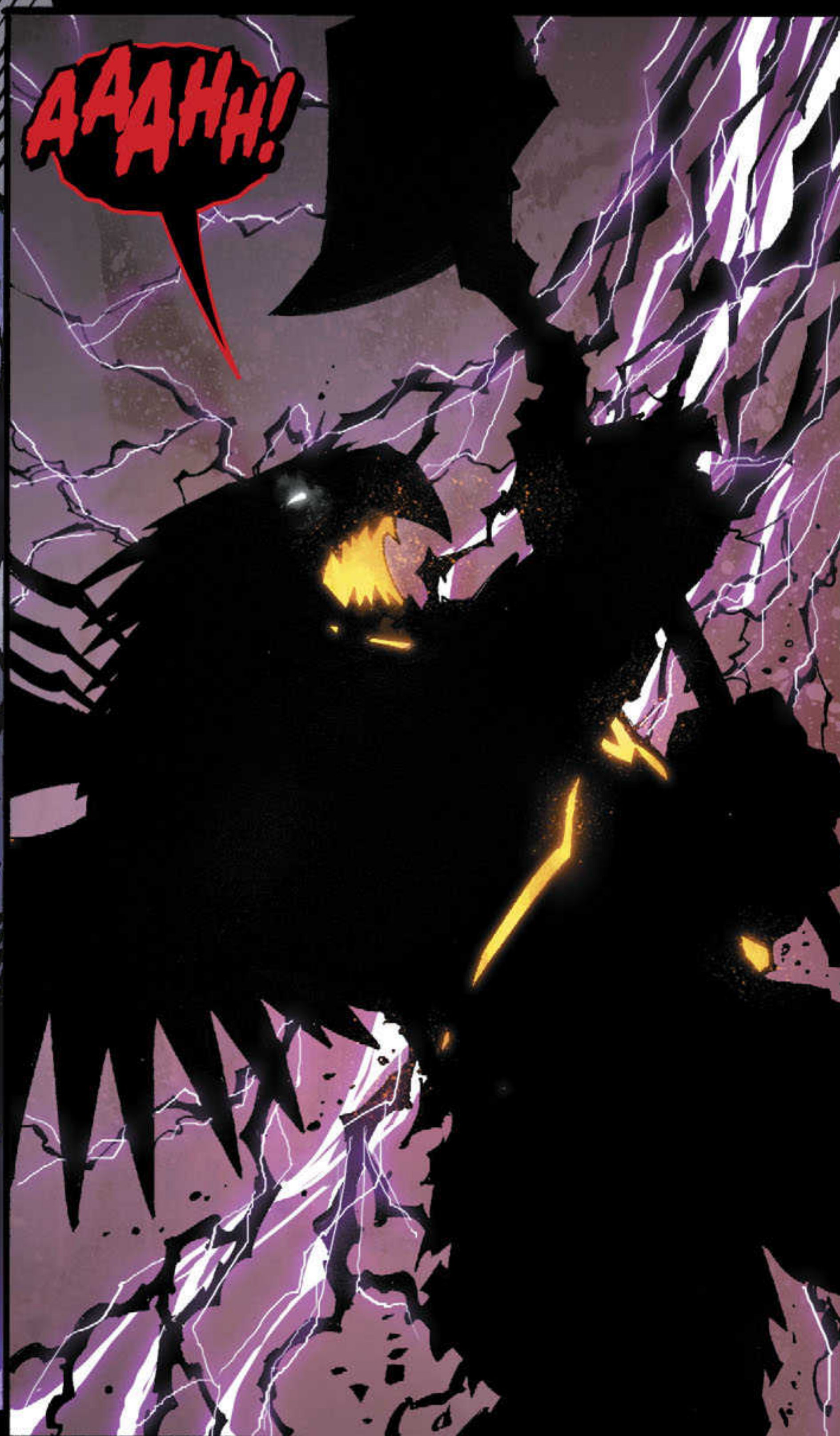
KENDRA...?

YES! YOU'RE... YOU'RE CARTER HALL AND--

NO...



HE IS THE DRAGON OF THE FORGE, AS I ONCE WAS, AND NOTHING MORE.



AAAAHH!

ENOUGH. MY DARK KNIGHTS HAVE CONQUERED YOUR WORLD. THEY HAVE WAGED WAR ACROSS THE MULTIVERSE, AND--

WELL, WE'VE BEEN ACROSS THE MULTIVERSE, TOO. AND WE SEE YOUR EVIL BATMEN...

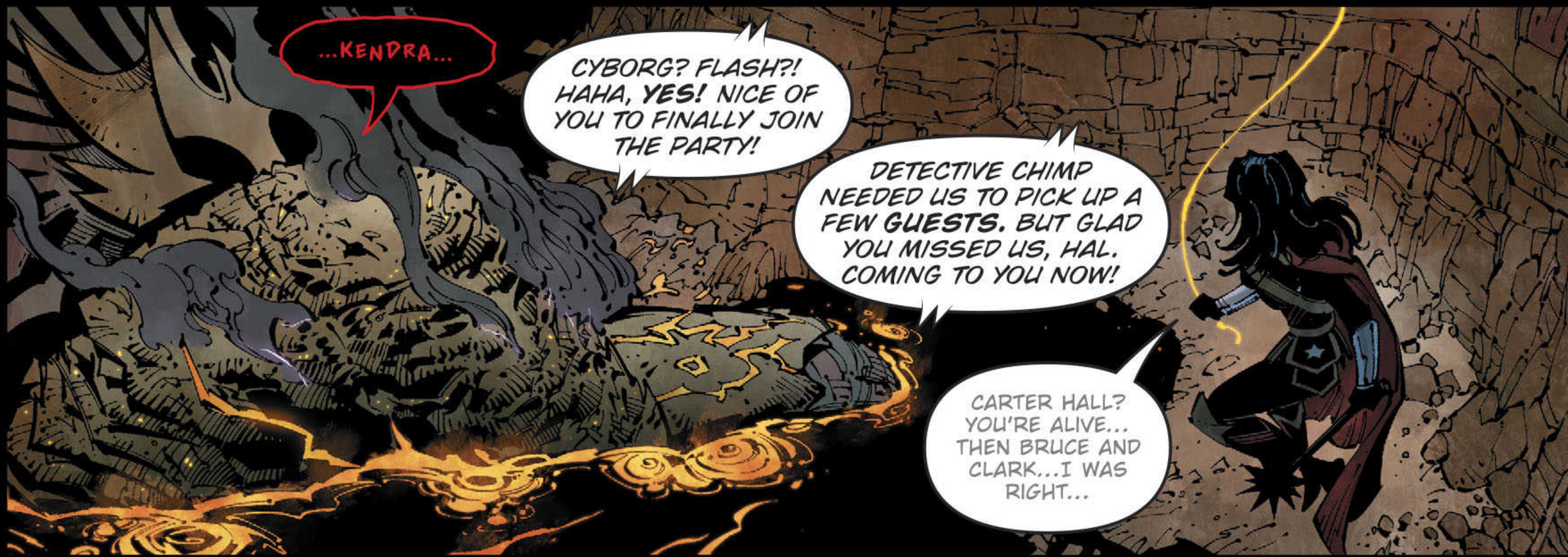




...AND WE  
RAISE.

GREETINGS  
FROM THE FIFTY-  
THIRD EARTH,  
@#\$%!



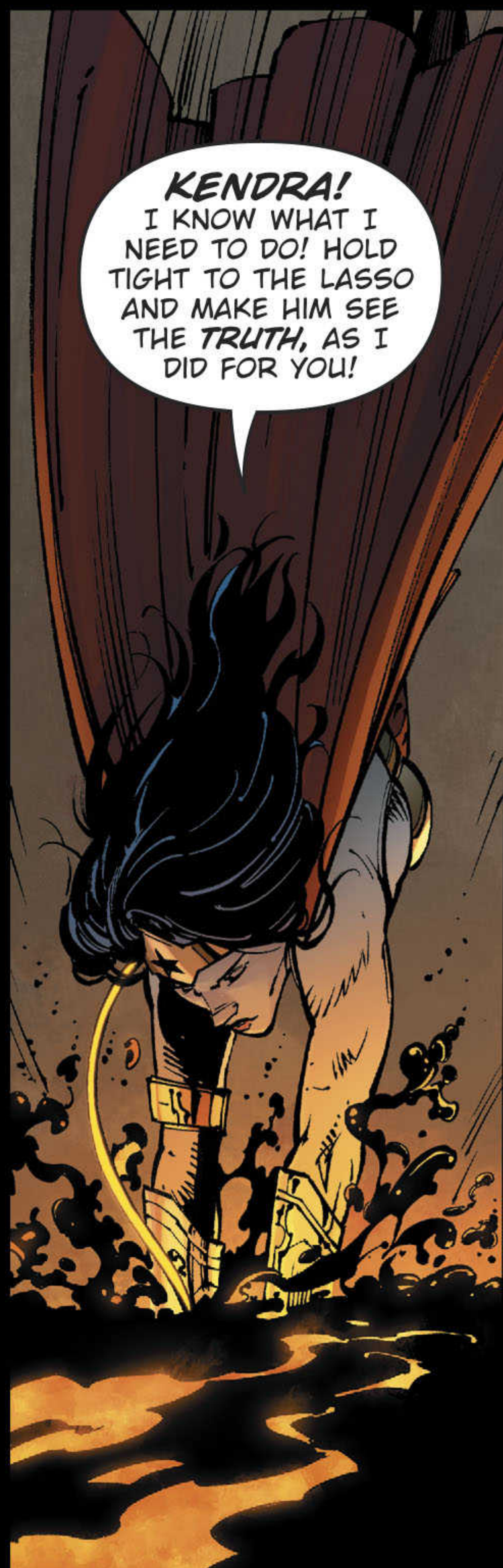


...KENDRA...

CYBORG? FLASH?!  
HAHA, YES! NICE OF  
YOU TO FINALLY JOIN  
THE PARTY!

DETECTIVE CHIMP  
NEEDED US TO PICK UP A  
FEW GUESTS. BUT GLAD  
YOU MISSED US, HAL.  
COMING TO YOU NOW!

CARTER HALL?  
YOU'RE ALIVE...  
THEN BRUCE AND  
CLARK...I WAS  
RIGHT...



**KENDRA!**  
I KNOW WHAT I  
NEED TO DO! HOLD  
TIGHT TO THE LASSO  
AND MAKE HIM SEE  
THE **TRUTH**, AS I  
DID FOR YOU!



DIANA,  
NO...I'M  
NOT...

...

CARTER  
HALL! LISTEN  
TO ME RIGHT  
NOW!



I AM **KENDRA  
SAUNDERS**, AND  
YOU ARE **CARTER  
HALL**, PROUD  
LEADERS OF THE  
TRIBE OF THE  
BIRD!

WE HAVE LIVED  
FOR THOUSANDS  
OF YEARS, THROUGH  
ALL OF HUMANITY,  
AND THIS IS **NOT**  
HOW OUR STORY  
ENDS!

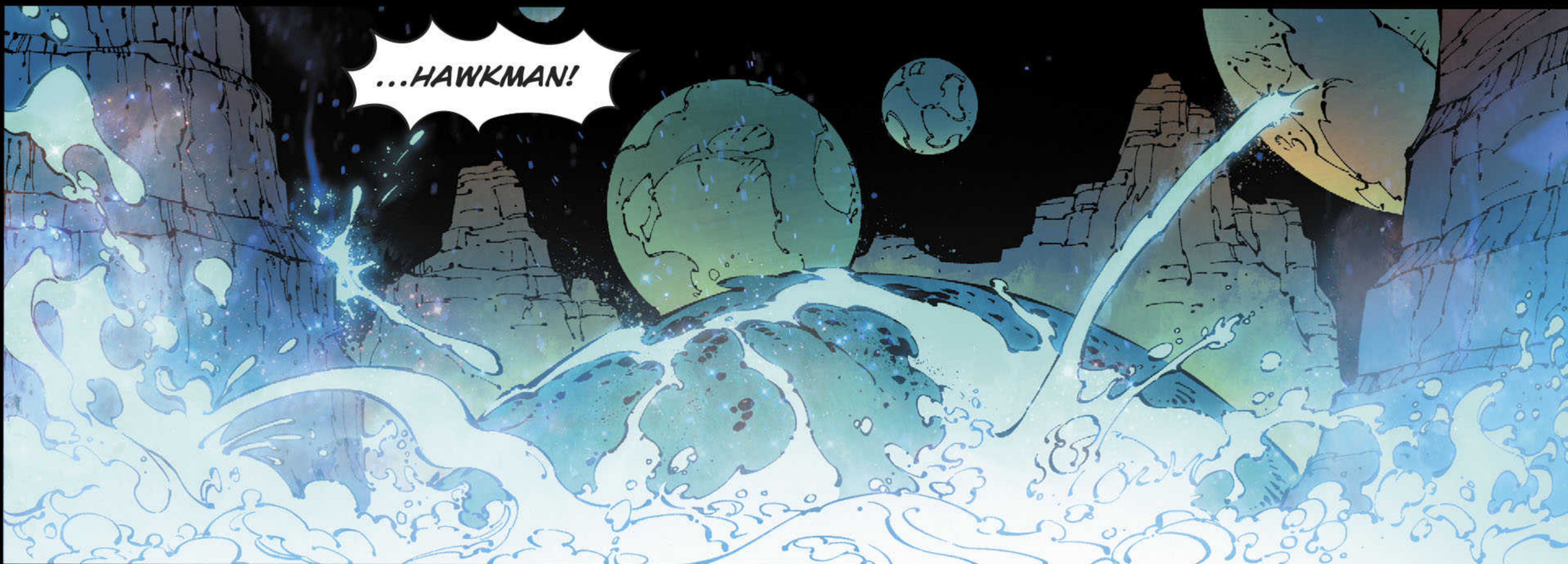
THEY HAVE  
STOLEN IT,  
BUT TAKE IT  
BACK!



TAKE BACK  
OUR STORY!  
YOU--

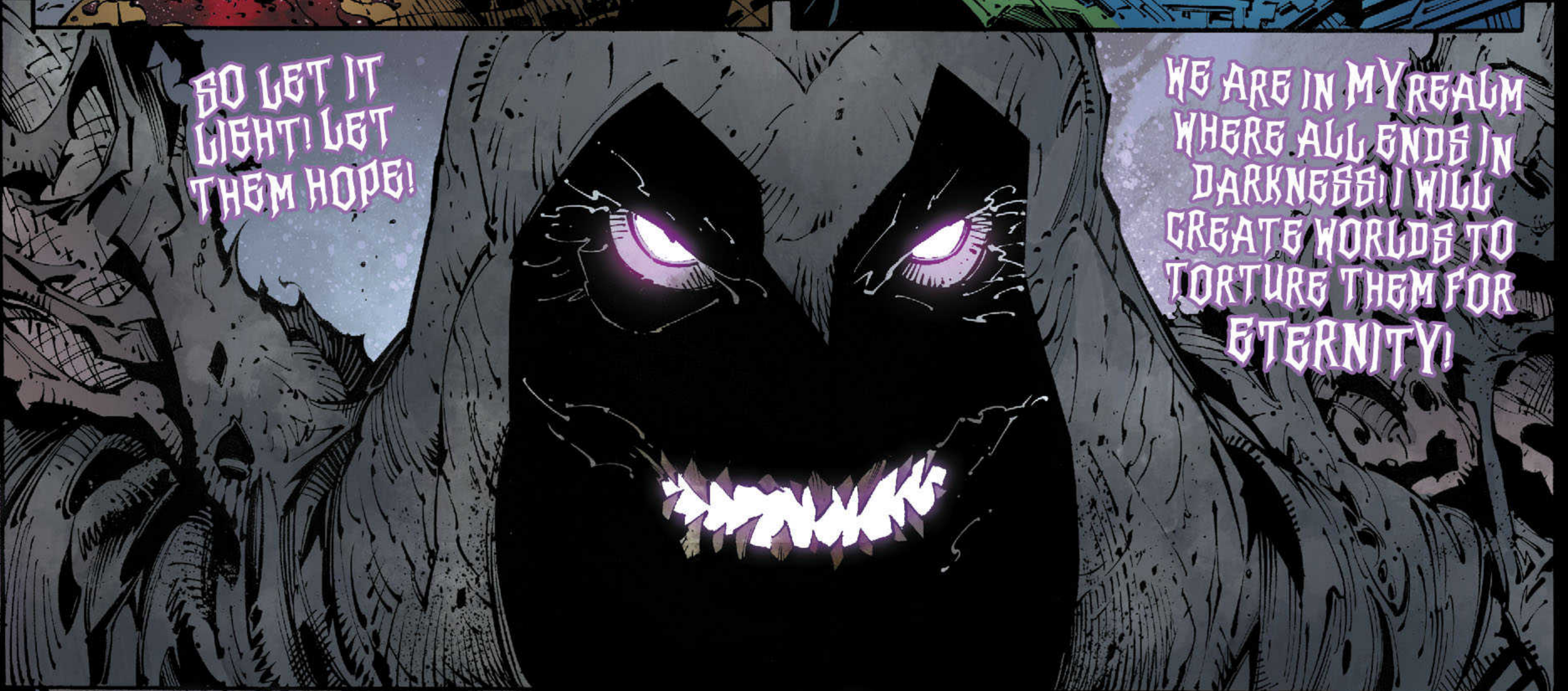
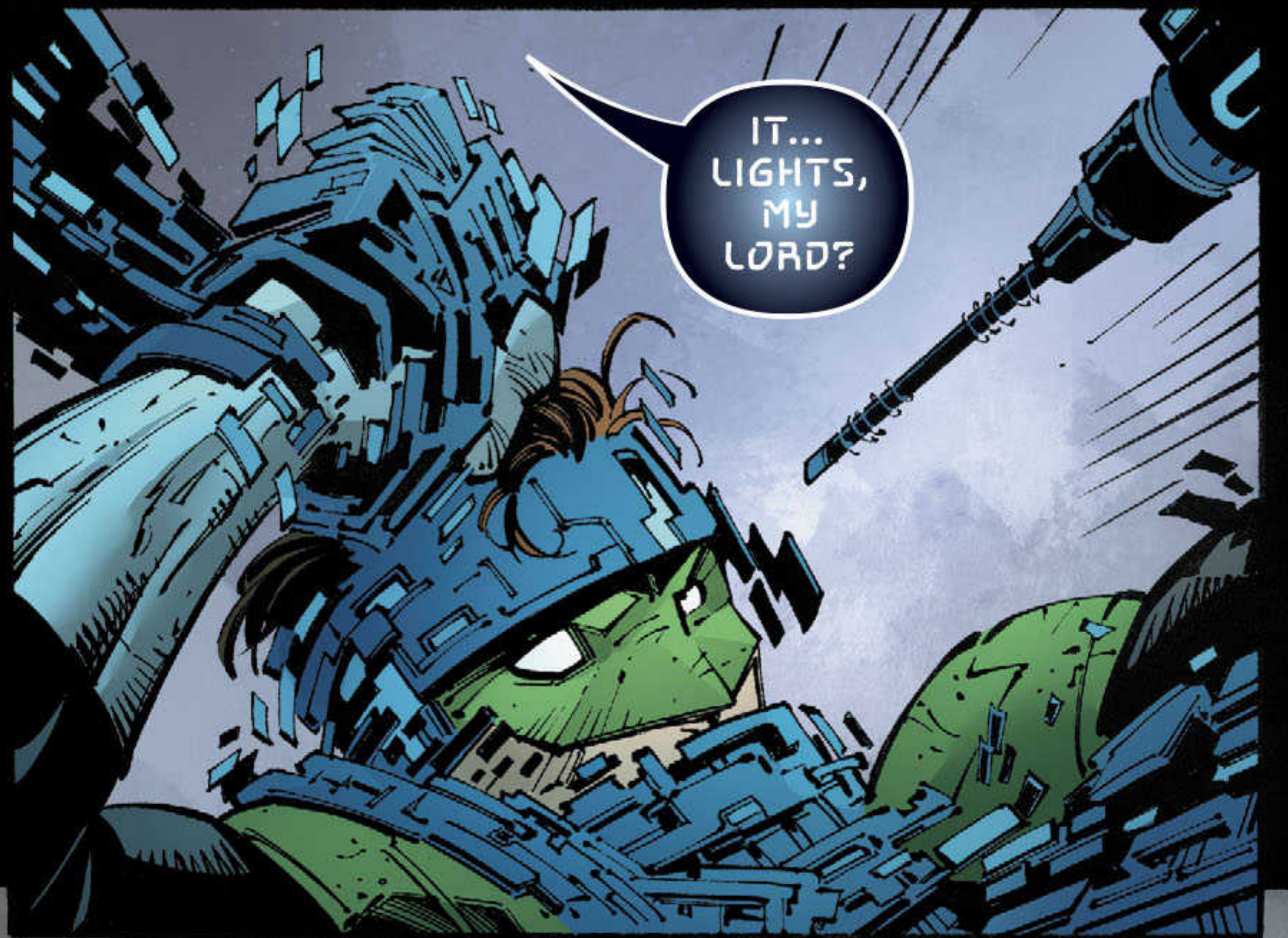
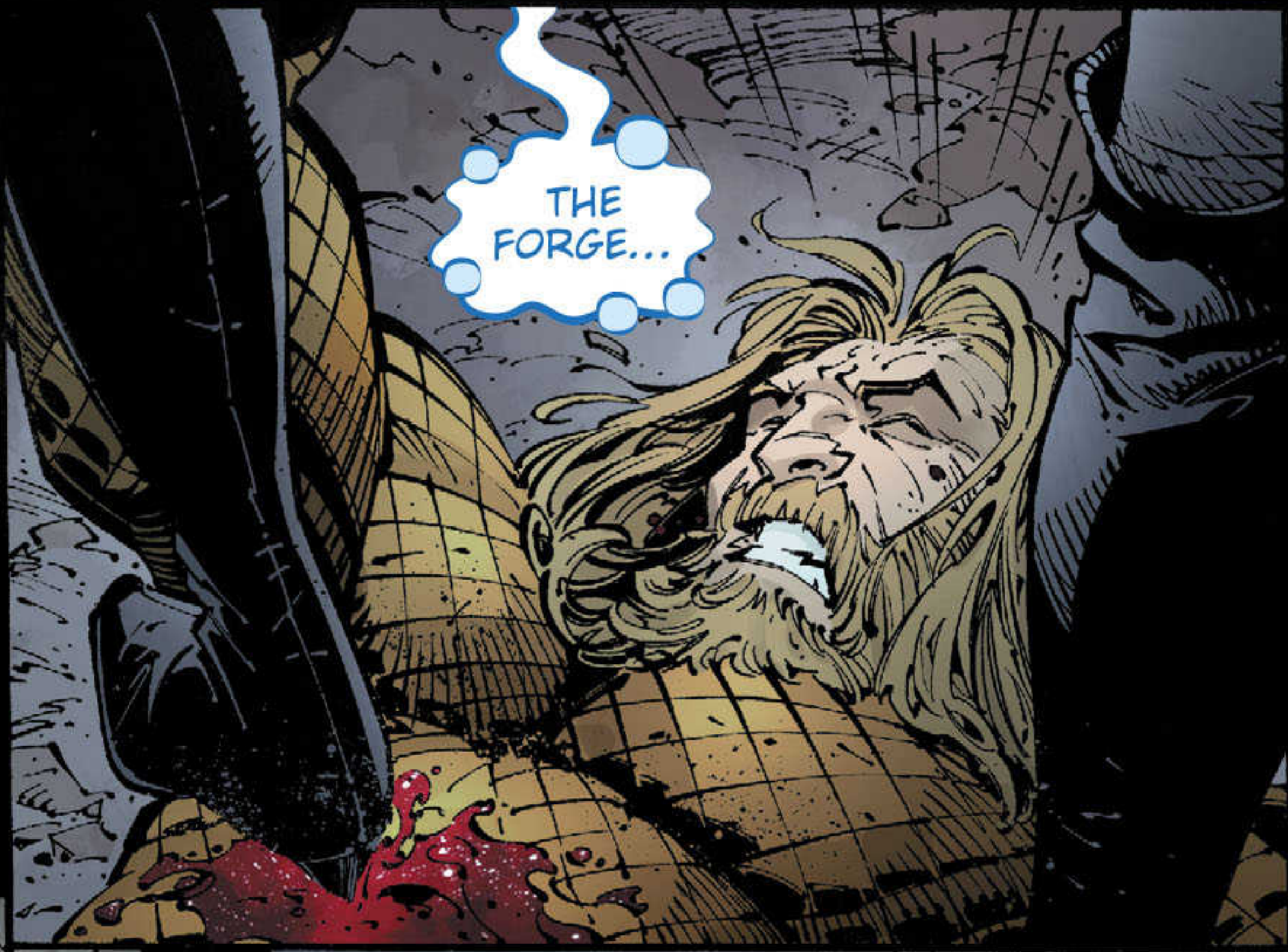
**AAARGH!**

YOU ~~UNH~~  
ARE...



...HAWKMAN!







...WE  
ARE.

My name is  
Carter Hall.

And lost to  
history was a  
story...

...a story of evil,  
of darkness...but  
also, of heroes.





And this book shall  
be my record of it.

From the journals  
of Carter Hall.

LEAGUE!  
I HAVE  
SUPERMAN  
AND  
BATMAN!

CLARK?!  
BRUCE...THANK  
GOD!

FLASH?  
EVERYONE  
OKAY?

WELL, THE MULTIVERSE  
IS FALLING APART, BUT CYBORG  
AND I FOUND SOME CAVALRY AT  
THE HOUSE OF HEROES. WHAT  
THE HECK ARE YOU GUYS  
WEARING?

IT'S TENTH METAL  
FROM THE FORGE  
OF WORLDS.

...YEAH,  
YOU WIN.

I HAVE **ONE**  
**DROP** LEFT. IF WE  
COMBINE IT WITH CYBORG'S  
MULTIVERSAL CHARGE, IT  
**COULD** RAISE  
THE EARTH.

CY, BANK THE  
THULE AROUND.  
SOUTH FACE  
AND--

ARE THESE  
THE ALLIES  
YOU'RE  
LOOKING  
FOR?

LOOK  
OUT!

FLASH!  
CYBORG!

**CRASH**

UNH...  
DAMMIT! WE'RE  
OKAY, BUT TRAPPED...  
RAVEN'S HURT...  
CAN'T TELEPORT  
US OUT.

BUT I  
SPOTTED THE  
COSMIC TUNING  
FORK, BATMAN!  
BARBATOS HAS IT AT  
THE SUMMIT. USE  
THAT TO CHANNEL  
THE TENTH METAL.  
JUST KEEP  
PUSHING!

YOU WILL GO NO  
HIGHER! ALL MY DARK  
ARMIES... THESE  
THREE! DESTROY  
THEM!



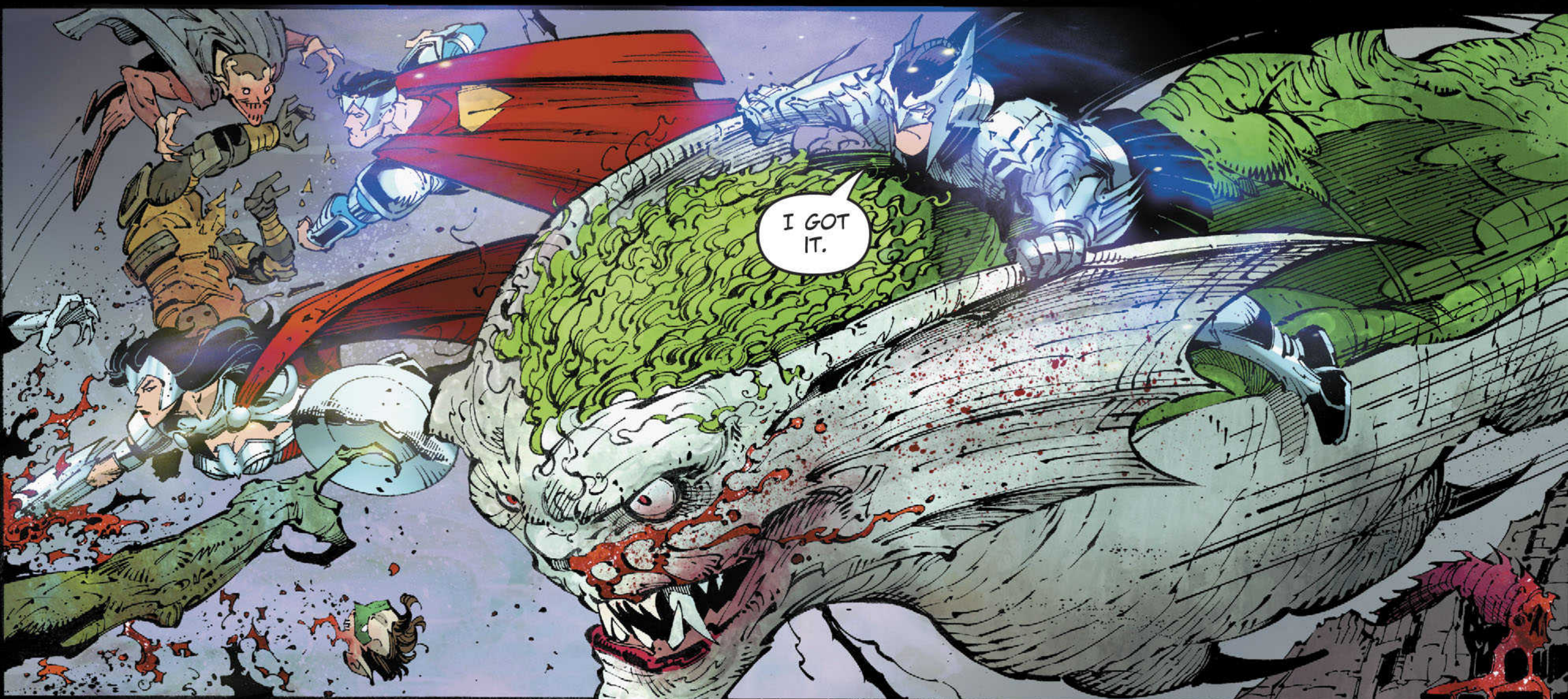
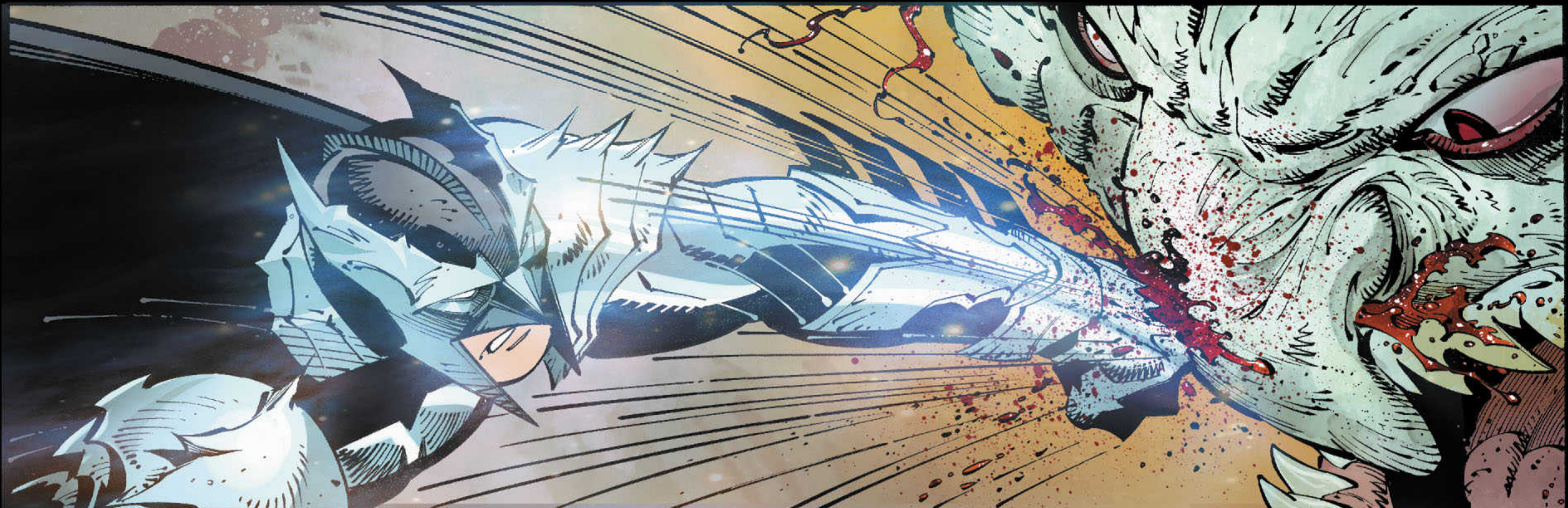


GREEN LANTERN AND AQUAMAN ARE UP AHEAD!

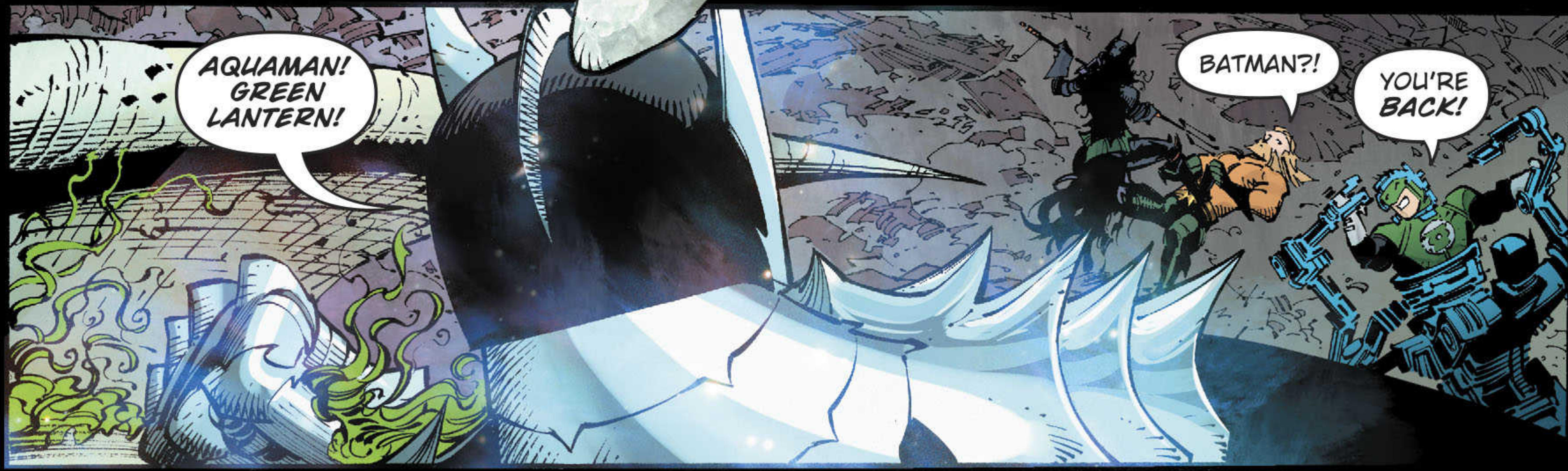
BATMAN, IF YOU CLIMB ON MY BACK I CAN FLY YOU--

WE NEED MORE ALLIES!

HEEEEEE!



I GOT IT.



AQUAMAN! GREEN LANTERN!

BATMAN?!

YOU'RE BACK!



They say the *eighth* metal is the stuff of gods. The *ninth* uses dark energy to give its carrier powers that defy physics.

But the *tenth*...

...also called *Element X*, is metal of the so-called Forge itself.

The metal of pure possibility.

They say whoever wields it...  
"let his first words be recorded forever in the halls of kings."

THIS MIGHT STING.

For his metal can take the shape of whatever is needed.

Arm whoever the bearer wishes...



...so they might cut through  
the dark and bring their  
will to life.

MY GOD...  
THE MOUNTAIN  
IS STILL COVERED  
WITH PEOPLE! WE  
NEED TO HELP  
THEM!

ANY HEROES  
WHO CAN HEAR  
ME! THIS IS THE  
**JUSTICE  
LEAGUE.**

MAKE  
YOUR WAY TO  
CHALLENGERS  
MOUNTAIN...

...IT'S TIME  
TO **SAVE THE  
WORLD.**

**HEE-YAH!**



And what of the dark-  
horned god? What have  
I learned of Barbatos  
in my travels?

That he watches  
with hatred.  
Always...







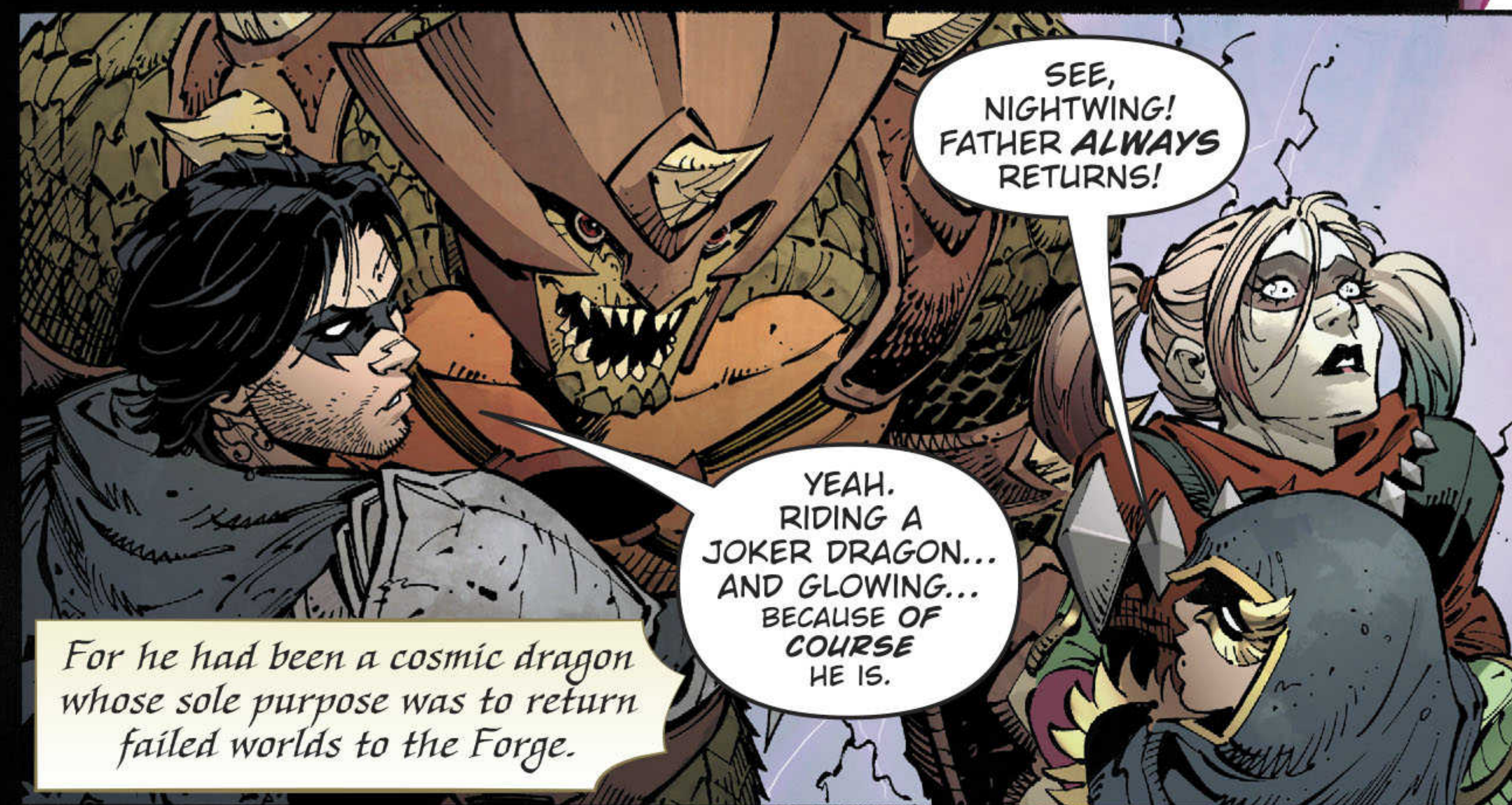
COME! FREE YOURSELVES!

He watched us from the dark during that first war of birds and bats...



...watched as the tribes gathered their armies against those trying to raise him.

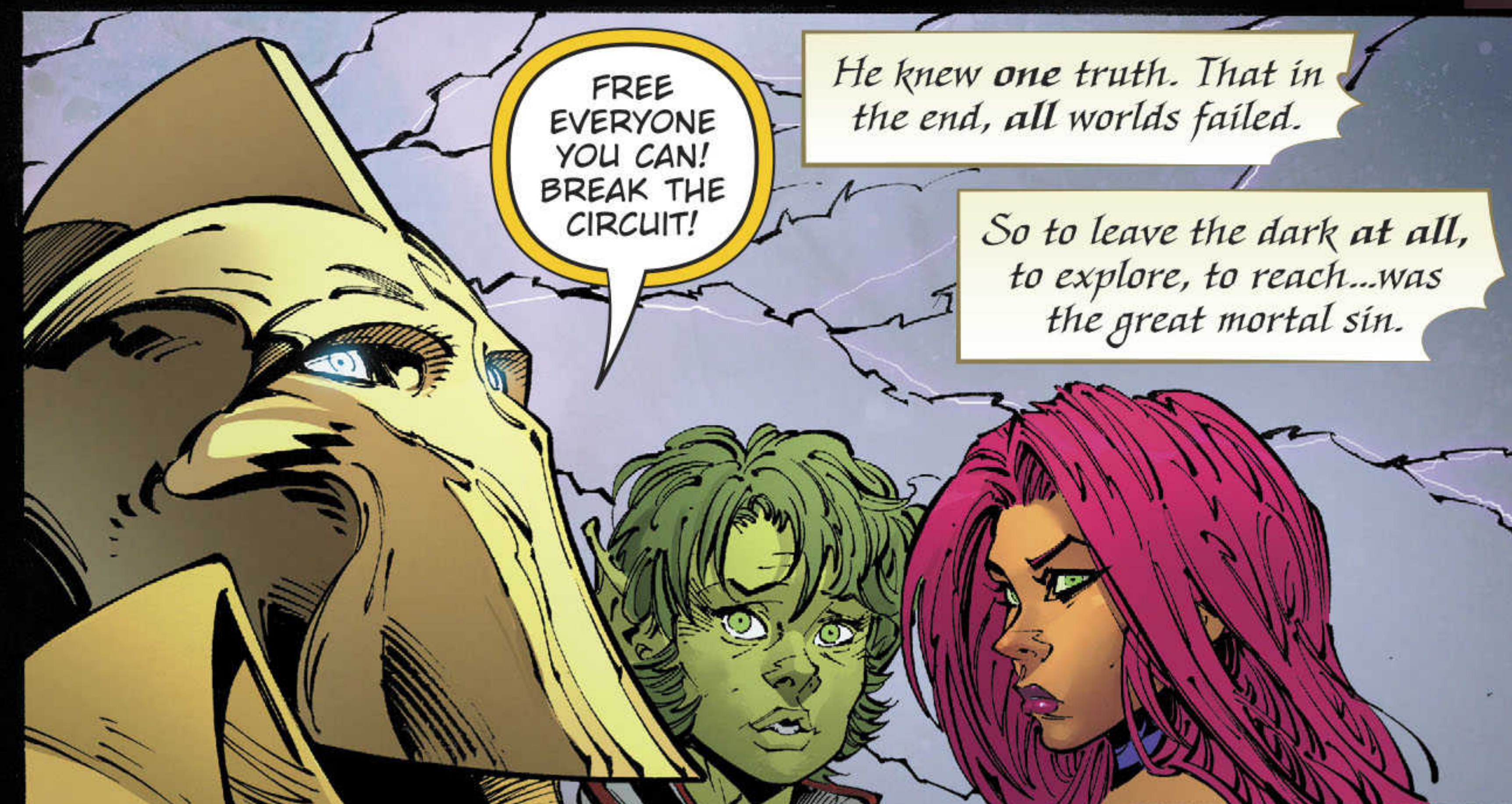
YOU'RE WITH FRIENDS, JOHN. I GOT YOU...



SEE, NIGHTWING! FATHER ALWAYS RETURNS!

YEAH. RIDING A JOKER DRAGON... AND GLOWING... BECAUSE OF COURSE HE IS.

For he had been a cosmic dragon whose sole purpose was to return failed worlds to the Forge.



FREE EVERYONE YOU CAN! BREAK THE CIRCUIT!

He knew one truth. That in the end, all worlds failed.

So to leave the dark at all, to explore, to reach...was the great mortal sin.

SKREEEEEEEE

His cry is the wail of billions of failed worlds. I can feel him even now, watching us with hatred and without fear.

For he knows that should he ever be set free, and the dark structures align...

...all he has to do to lower the Earth into darkness ...is open his mouth... and scream.



Release the  
anti-music of  
his shriek...

...and sink the  
Earth so low it  
can never be  
raised again.

EEEE

NO...

EEEE

NO!

TRAITOR!

HEAR ME, MY  
FAVORITE  
KNIGHT...



...ENACT THE FINAL PLAN!



YES, MY LORD...

HEAR THAT? I HOPE SO, BECAUSE THE FINAL PLAN BEGINS WITH YOU...THE ORIGINAL BEING, THE COSMIC SEER...



...THE OVER-MONITOR.

WHY... WHY DID YOU DO THIS?



I KNOW IT'S A LOT FOR YOU. AFTER ALL, YOU'VE ONLY JUST STARTED TO RE-FORM AFTER THE LAST MULTIVERSAL CRISIS.

WAIT... THAT BRAIN... DON'T DO THIS. YOU'LL--

DESTROY EVERYTHING THAT'S THE IDEA. WITH POSITIVE ENERGY (YOU), NEGATIVE ENERGY (THE ANTI-MONITOR'S ASTRAL BRAIN) AND DARK ENERGY (ME), WE'LL BLOW APART THE REALM ABOVE!



THERE WILL BE NO MORE MATTER OR ANTI-MATTER, NO MORE MULTIVERSE--ONLY DARKNE--

HEY, YOU.





YOU CALL *THIS* A BATCAVE?



YOUR ARMOR DOESN'T WORK DOWN HERE, BRUCE. THE ENERGY CANCELS IT OUT. IT'S JUST YOU... AND ME.

PROMISE?



ALL RIGHT, MY SONS... KILL!

CROW CROW CROW

CROW CROW CROW

CROW CROW CRO--



NO.

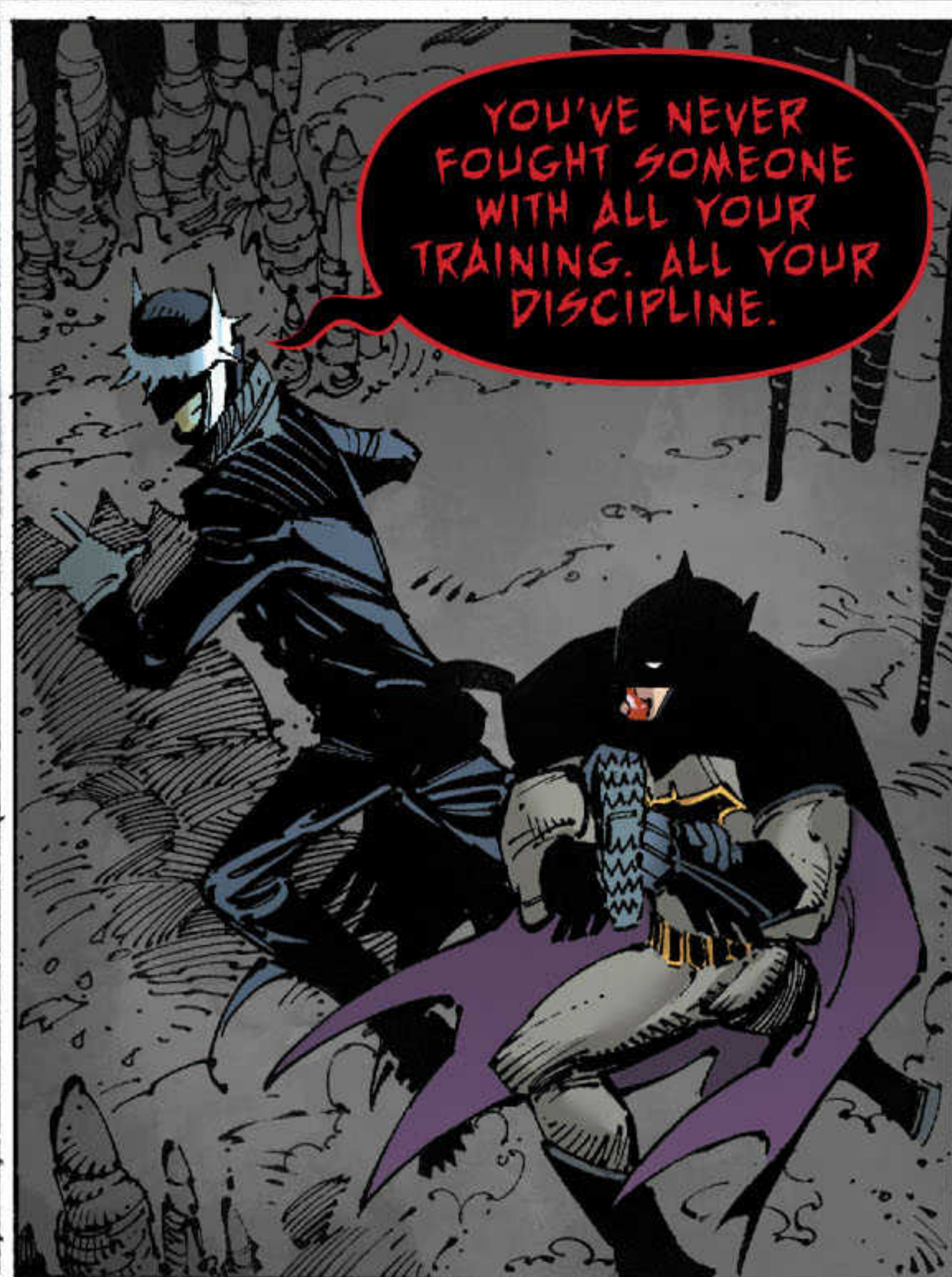




TAKE A GOOD  
LOOK, BRUCE!  
=UNH=



WHAT  
DO YOU  
SEE?!



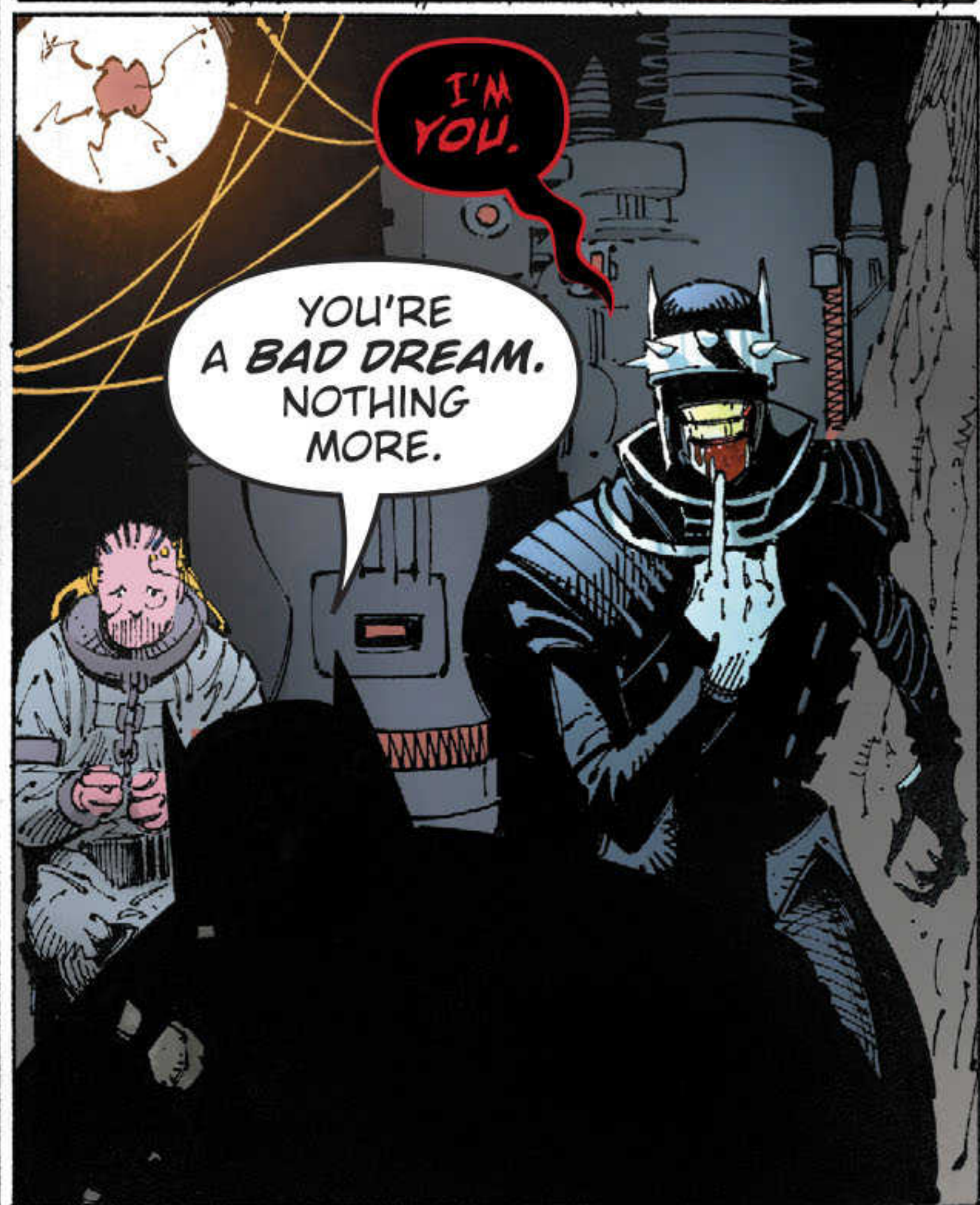
YOU'VE NEVER  
FOUGHT SOMEONE  
WITH ALL YOUR  
TRAINING. ALL YOUR  
DISCIPLINE.



SEE IT  
YET?

SHUT U--  
ARGH!

I'M NOT  
HIM IN A  
BATSUIT.



I'M  
YOU.

YOU'RE  
A BAD DREAM.  
NOTHING  
MORE.



YOU. HOW  
YOU'RE SUPPOSED  
TO BE WITHOUT  
THE CODES!  
=UNH=



WITHOUT  
THE RULES...  
EXCEPT ONE!  
=HH=



BATMAN.  
ALWAYS.  
WINS.

BLAM



THE GUN  
THAT KILLED OUR  
PARENTS. I TAKE IT  
EVERYWHERE. AS A  
REMINDER.

THEY DIED  
BECAUSE THEY  
LIVED BY ETHICAL  
CODES. THAT WAS  
THE LESSON IN  
THE ALLEY.

THE LESSON IT'S  
TIME TO LEARN. I'VE  
SEEN HUNDREDS OF  
WORLDS, BRUCE. ON  
EVERY ONE, WE GO  
DOWN FOR THE  
SAME REASON.

BECAUSE YOU  
RESTRAIN YOURSELF  
BY BELIEVING IN  
OTHERS. BECAUSE  
YOU HOLD BACK.  
IT'S WHAT LED TO  
THIS...LED YOU  
HERE.

BUT BATMAN  
SHOULD BE THE  
PERFECT SURVIVOR.  
THE APEX  
PREDATOR. THAT'S  
HIS FINAL  
FORM.

YOU'RE THE  
SETUP. I'M THE  
PUNCHLINE.  
GET IT NOW?

CLICK

...  
JUST FIRE  
THE DAMN  
GUN.

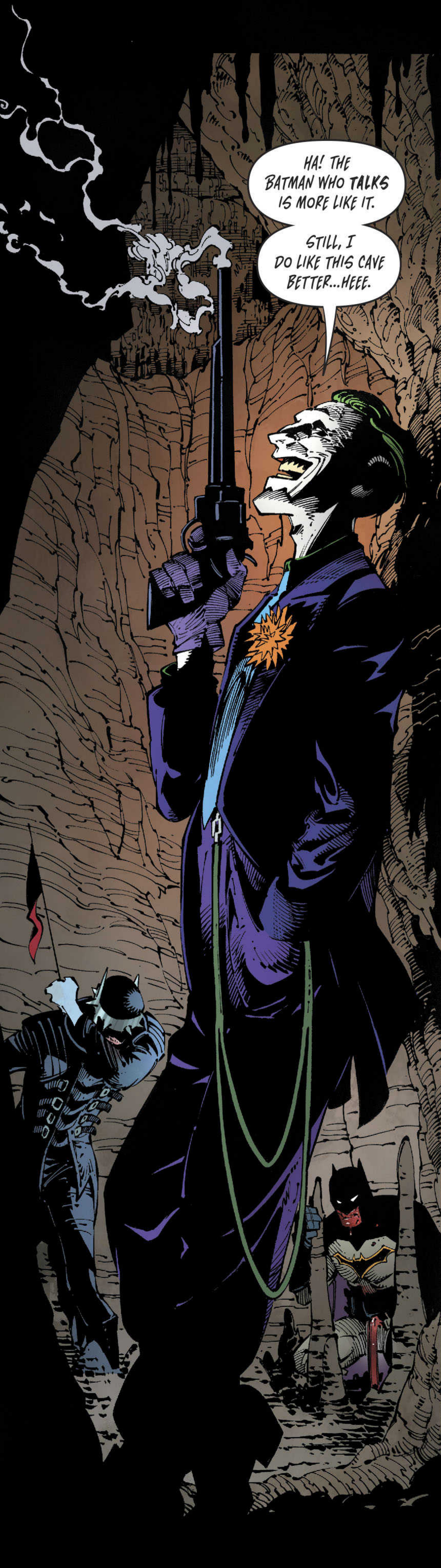
I'M GLAD  
YOU FINALLY  
SEE.

B  
L  
A  
M

BAG!

YEAH,  
I WASN'T  
TALKING  
TO YOU.





HA! THE  
BATMAN WHO TALKS  
IS MORE LIKE IT.

STILL, I  
DO LIKE THIS CAVE  
BETTER...HEEE.



WELL, WELL.  
I WONDERED  
IF YOU'D  
SHOW UP.

WAS IT  
THE DRAGON?;  
SOME SECRET  
SIGNAL?



OR WAS  
KILLING TWO  
BATMEN TOO MUCH  
TO RESIST?



A  
GOOD OLD-  
FASHIONED  
THREE-WAY  
FIGHT.

HEH. NOT  
EXACTLY.

SO, PARTNERS,  
BATSSSS?

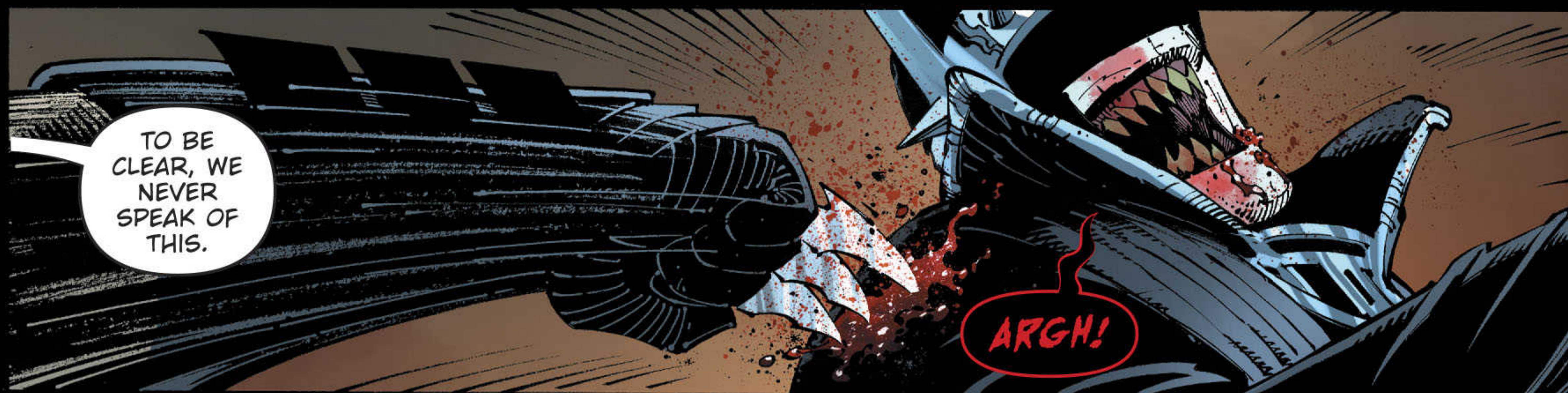


I'M  
GOING FOR  
THE LEG.

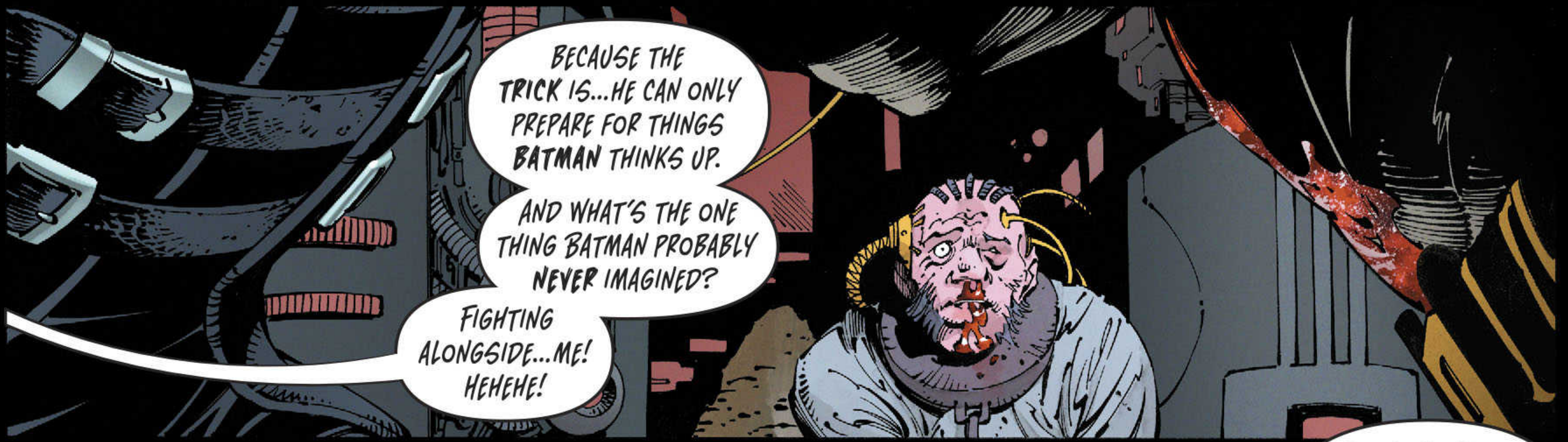


I CALL HIS  
FACE.









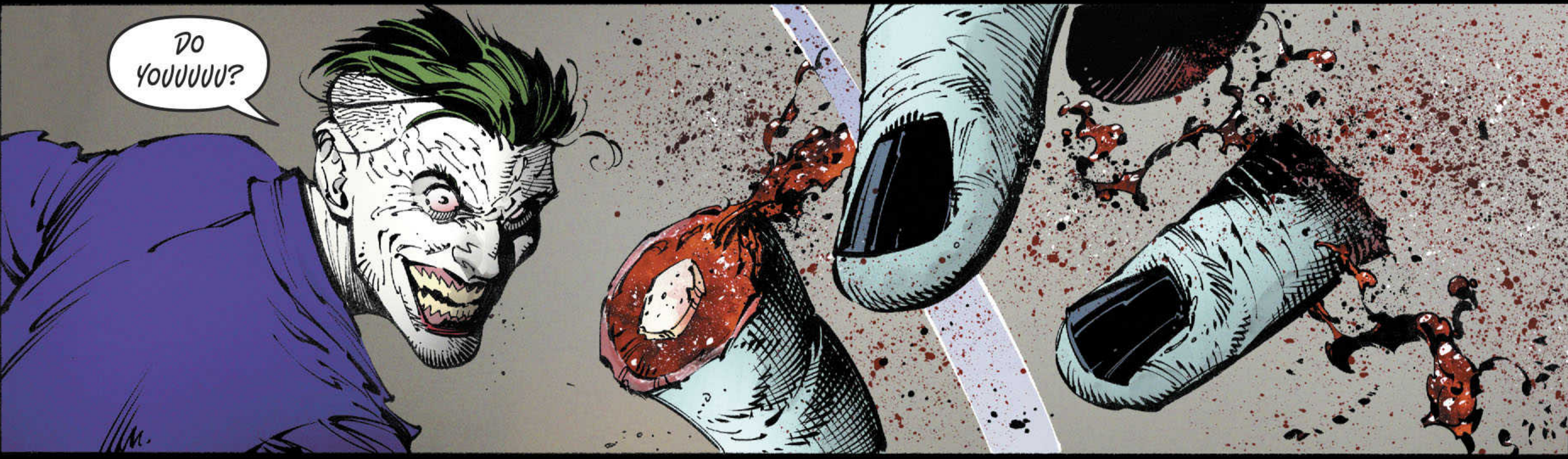
BECAUSE THE TRICK IS...HE CAN ONLY PREPARE FOR THINGS BATMAN THINKS UP.

AND WHAT'S THE ONE THING BATMAN PROBABLY NEVER IMAGINED?

FIGHTING ALONGSIDE...ME! HEHEHE!



SO THE JOKE IS... FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE YOUR "TRANSFORMATION," I'M GUESSING YOU DON'T ACTUALLY KNOW WHAT'S COMING NEXT.



DO YOUUUUUU?



... HEH.



HAHAHA...



"...HAHAHAHA!"

WE'RE  
ALMOST AT  
THE TOP! KEEP  
PUSHING!

WHAT DO  
YOU THINK  
WE'VE BEEN  
DOING,  
DIPSTICK?

THE METAL...THIS  
CAN'T BE...WE WERE  
PROMISED OUR WORLDS  
BACK...OUR HOMES...

I'M  
SORRY,  
BRUCE.

ARTHU--

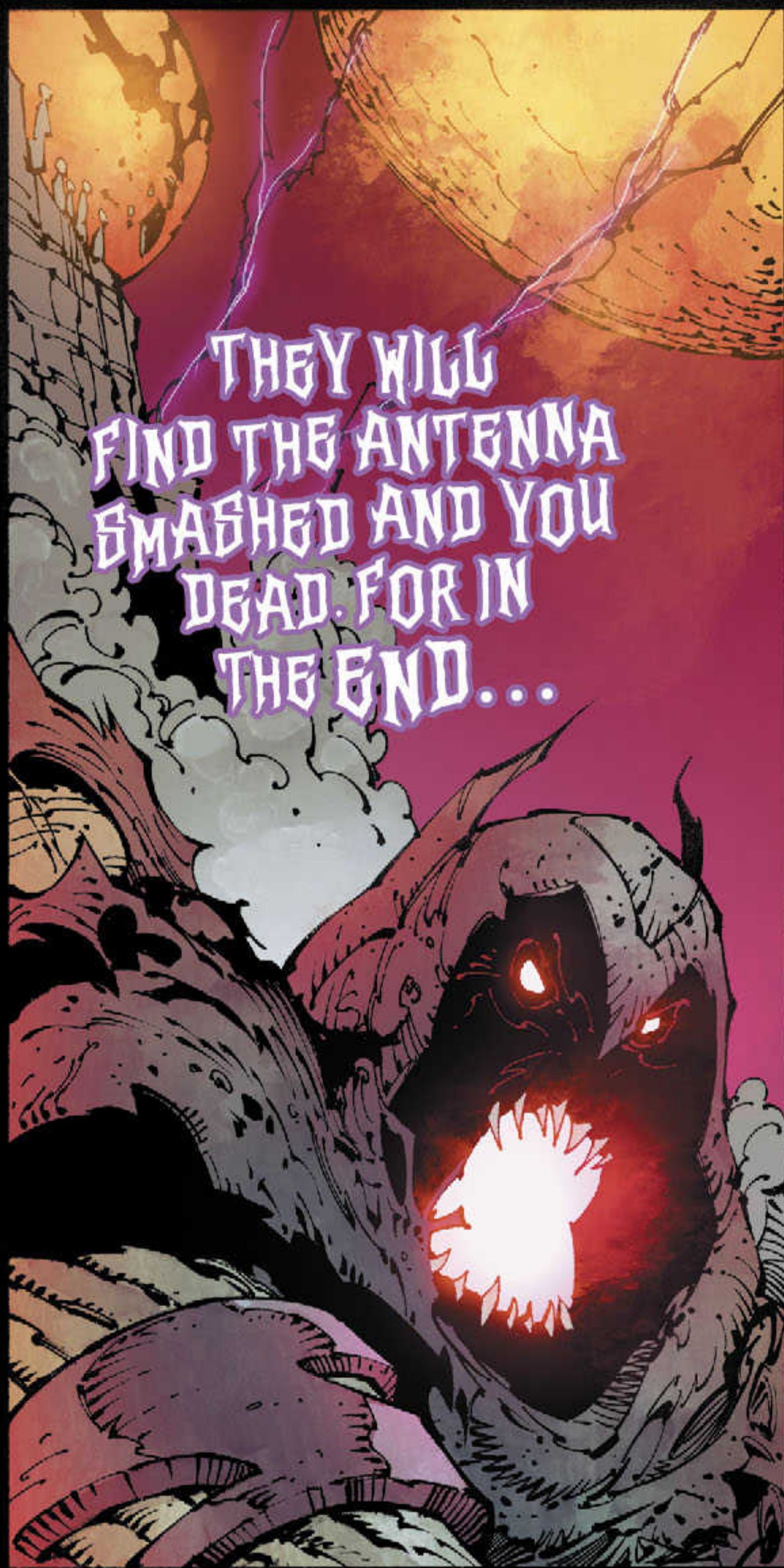
IT'S OVER,  
BRYCE.

THEY...  
ARE COMING...  
FOR YOU.

LET THEM  
GONE!

LET THEM  
TAKE ANY  
ROAD THEY  
WISH!



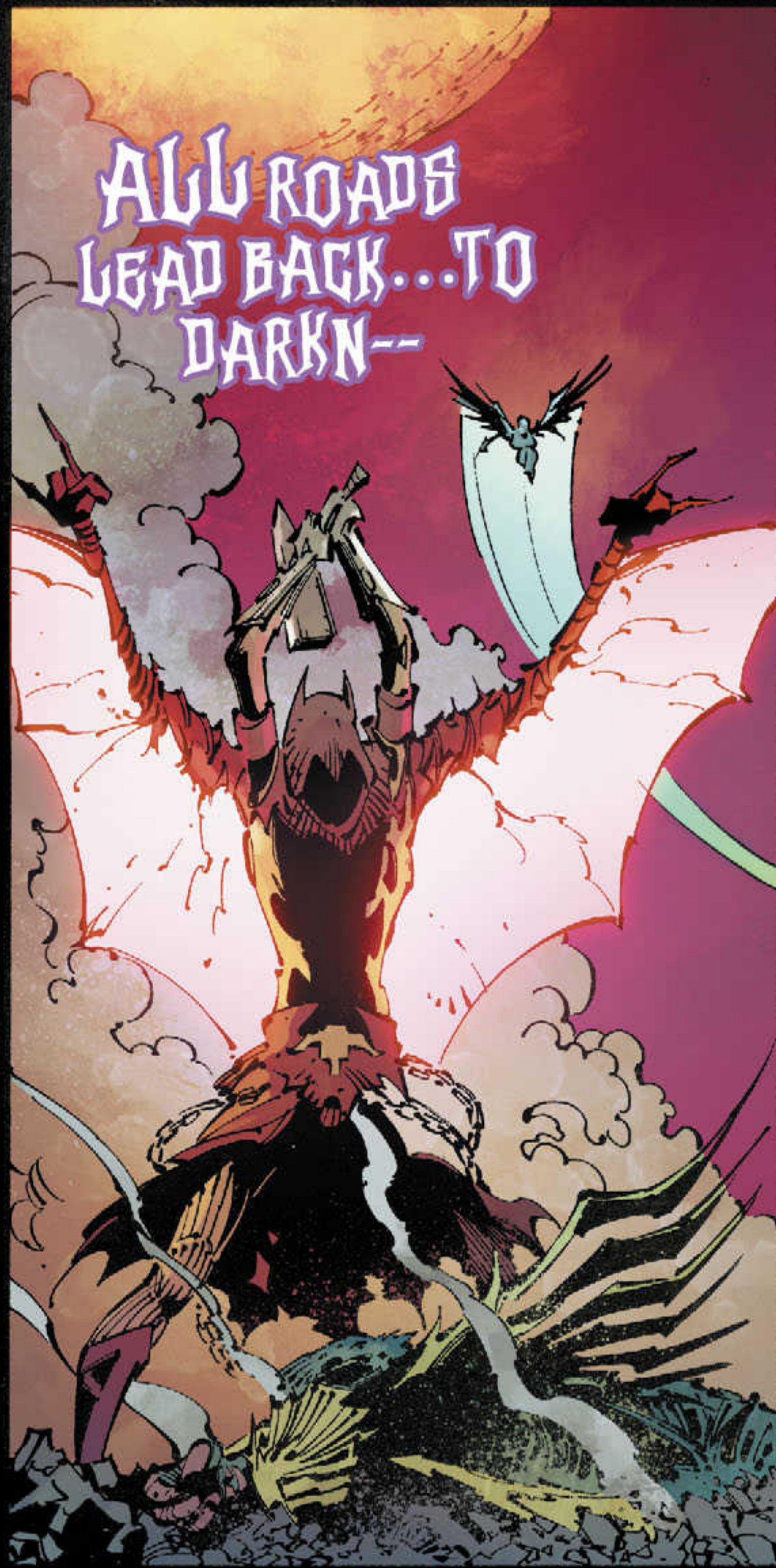


THEY WILL  
FIND THE ANTENNA  
SMASHED AND YOU  
DEAD. FOR IN  
THE END...



CARTER!

KENDRA,  
CATCH! GO!



ALL ROADS  
LEAD BACK...TO  
DARKN--



Noooooooooo!



RUMBLE  
RUMBLE

HOLD  
ON.

THIS PLACE  
IS COLLAPSING,  
BATMAN!





THAT WAS...  
**SATISFYING**. BUT  
HE WON'T STAY  
DOWN LONG.

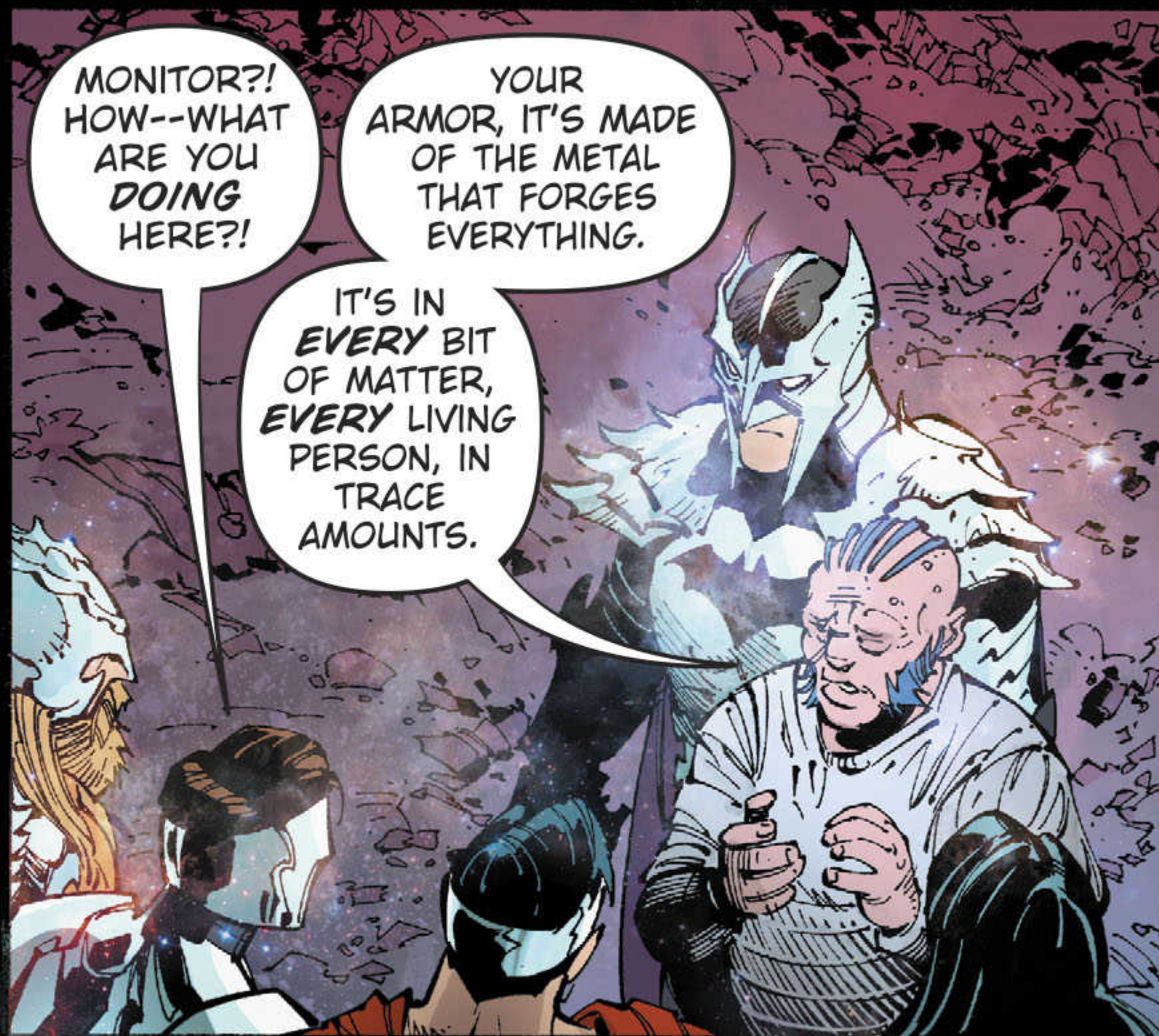
THE  
ANTENNA WAS  
OUR **LAST**  
OPTION.

CYBORG, CAN  
YOU HEAR US?  
ARE YOU OUT OF  
THE THULE?

YEAH, BUT  
THE DARK ENERGY  
ON THE MOUNTAIN IS OFF  
THE SCALES! EVEN FLASH  
AND DOCTOR FATE CAN'T  
GET ME UP TO YOU.

I CAN TRY,  
VIC! IF IT'S OUR  
LAST HOPE, I'D  
RATHER DIE  
RUNNING!

NO...IT  
MAY NOT  
BE!



MONITOR?!  
HOW--WHAT  
ARE YOU  
**DOING**  
HERE?!

YOUR  
ARMOR, IT'S MADE  
OF THE METAL  
THAT FORGES  
EVERYTHING.

IT'S IN  
**EVERY** BIT  
OF MATTER,  
**EVERY** LIVING  
PERSON, IN  
TRACE  
AMOUNTS.



IT IS **DANGEROUS**,  
AND **POWERFUL**.  
NEVER BEFORE HAS SO  
MUCH BEEN HERE  
ON EARTH!

IF YOU HAVE  
FREED ENOUGH HUMANS  
FROM THE DARK GOD'S  
HOLD, AND YOU CONDUCT  
THROUGH THEM, THROUGH  
**EVERYONE**, YOU MIGHT  
NOT **NEED** THE ANTENNA  
TO RAISE THE EARTH!  
WHAT I'M SAYING IS--



WHAT YOU'RE  
SAYING IS, WE USE  
THIS TENTH METAL  
TO REACH OUT TO  
EVERYONE **LOST** IN  
THE DARK AND WE  
SHOW THEM THE  
WAY BACK.

WE **CONNECT**,  
ALL OF US, AND  
RAISE THE EARTH  
**TOGETHER**.

WHAT YOU'RE  
SAYING IS...

...FULCUM  
ABOMINUS.



A  
**BATTLE**  
CRY.

"COME  
TOGETHER  
AS ONE."

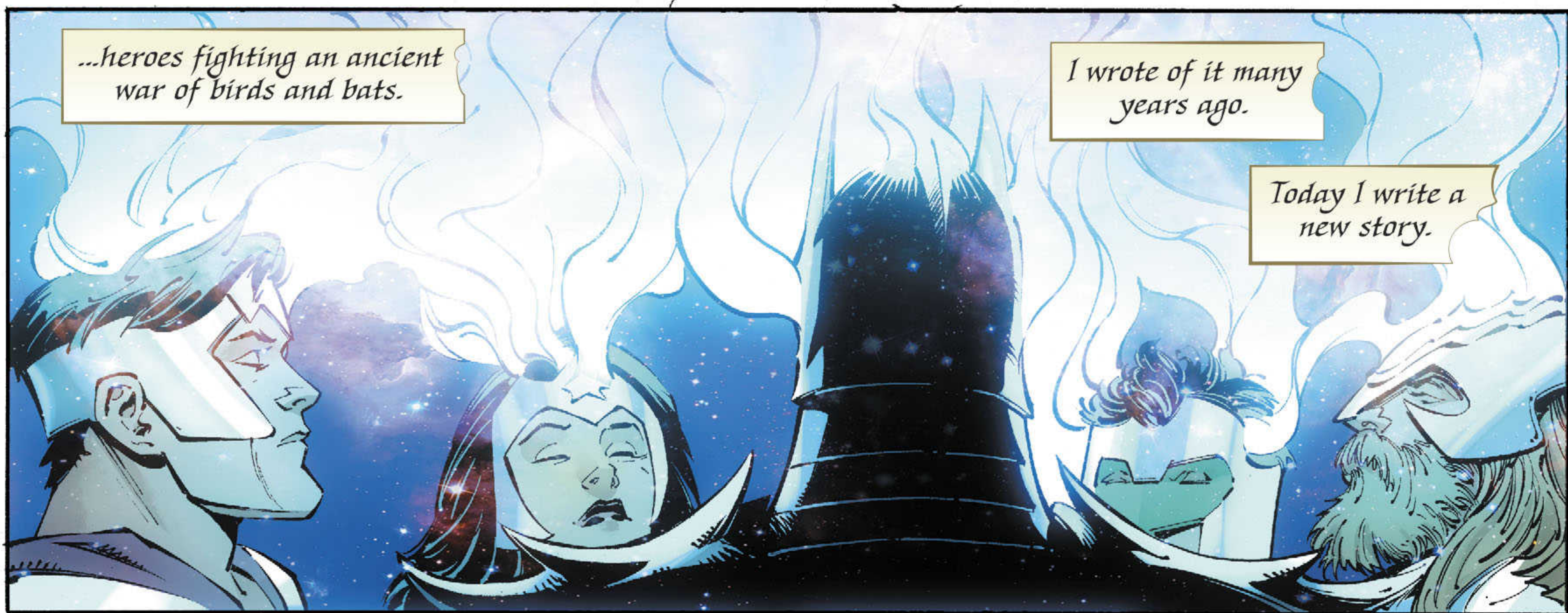
ONE  
WARRIOR,  
RIGHT,  
ARTHUR?

FOR  
EVERYONE.

WELL  
SAID, GUYS.  
JUST DON'T FORM  
A GIANT ROBOT  
WITHOUT US,  
YEAH?

Lost to  
history was a  
story...a story  
of heroes...





...heroes fighting an ancient war of birds and bats.

I wrote of it many years ago.

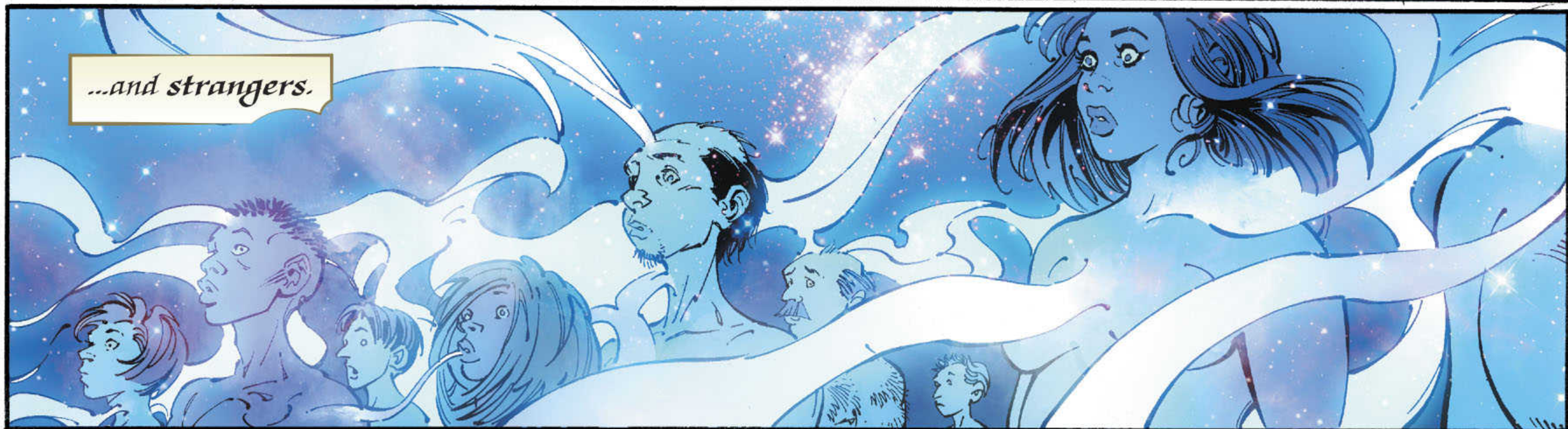
Today I write a new story.



About another great war of birds and bats, but one that ends not with obfuscation, but discovery...

...with great heroes reaching out to those around them.

To friends...



...and strangers.



To people close to them...



...and far away.

They reached out with a message of fortitude and solidarity, but above all, of bravery. Of daring.

And in reaching out, they ignited a spark.






And it caught.

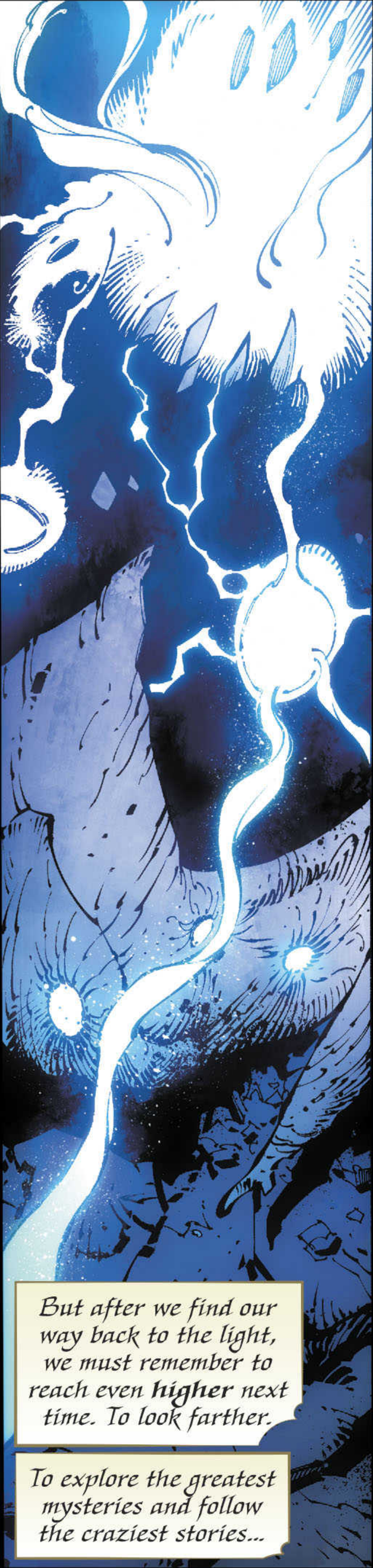
My name is Carter Hall, and I am a detective of history. But **you** are a detective, too. For to be human, at its core, is to question and quest.

To **seek answers** about who we are. Even when--or **especially** when--those answers are beyond our grasp.



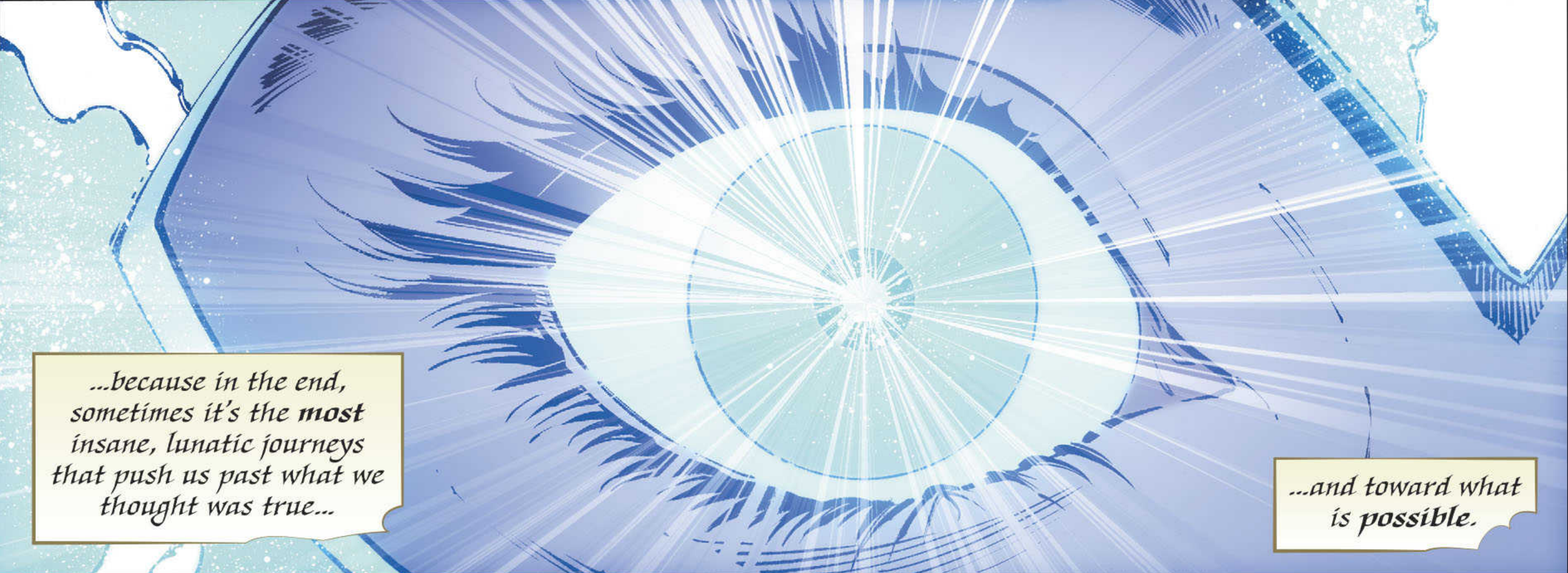
And what I have learned is that sometimes that search leads us to the **darkest** places imaginable.

In those times, we need **each other** to find our way back home. To remember who we are.



But after we find our way back to the light, we must remember to reach even **higher** next time. To look farther.

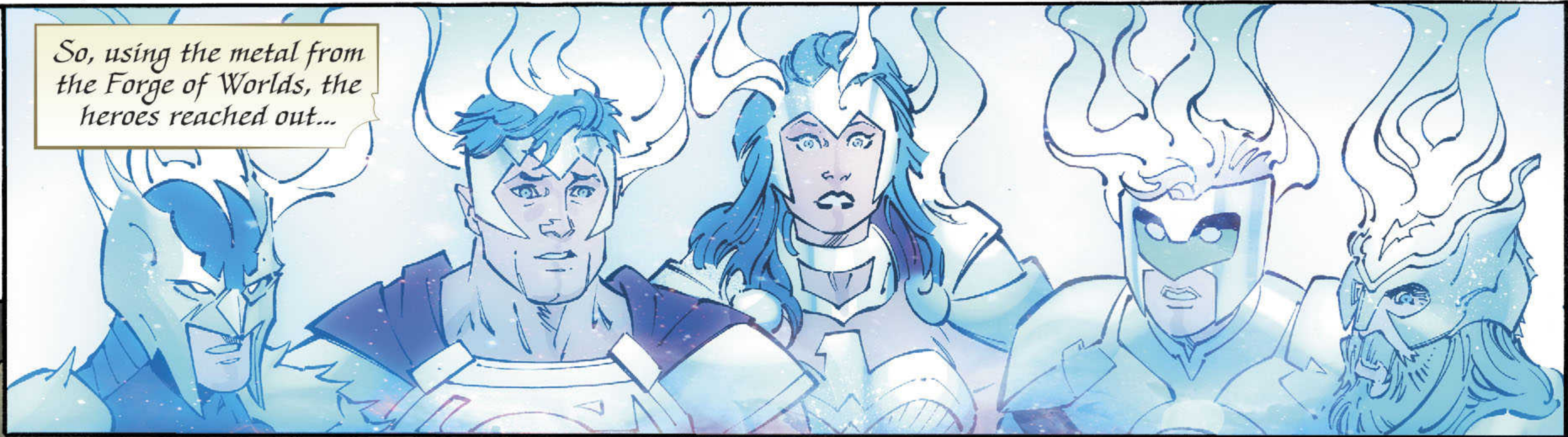
To explore the greatest mysteries and follow the craziest stories...



...because in the end, sometimes it's the **most** insane, lunatic journeys that push us past what we thought was true...

...and toward what is **possible**.





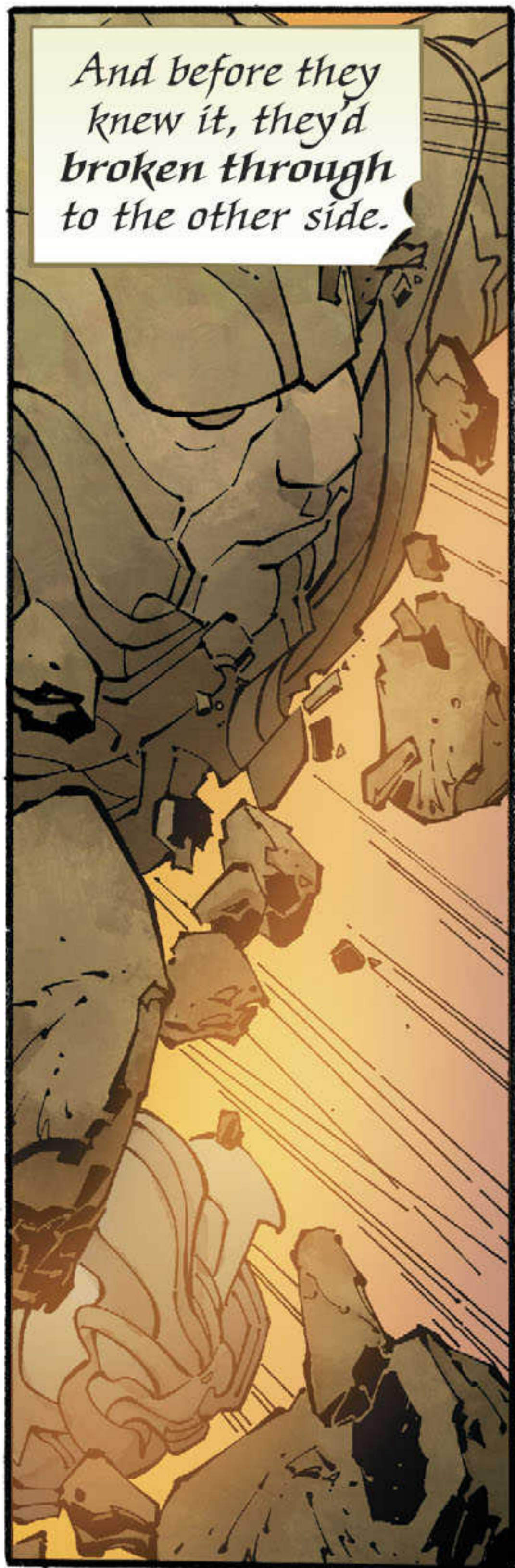
So, using the metal from the Forge of Worlds, the heroes reached out...

...with such power that everyone heard their call, and together, they cast the dark god out, and raised the Earth to its rightful place.

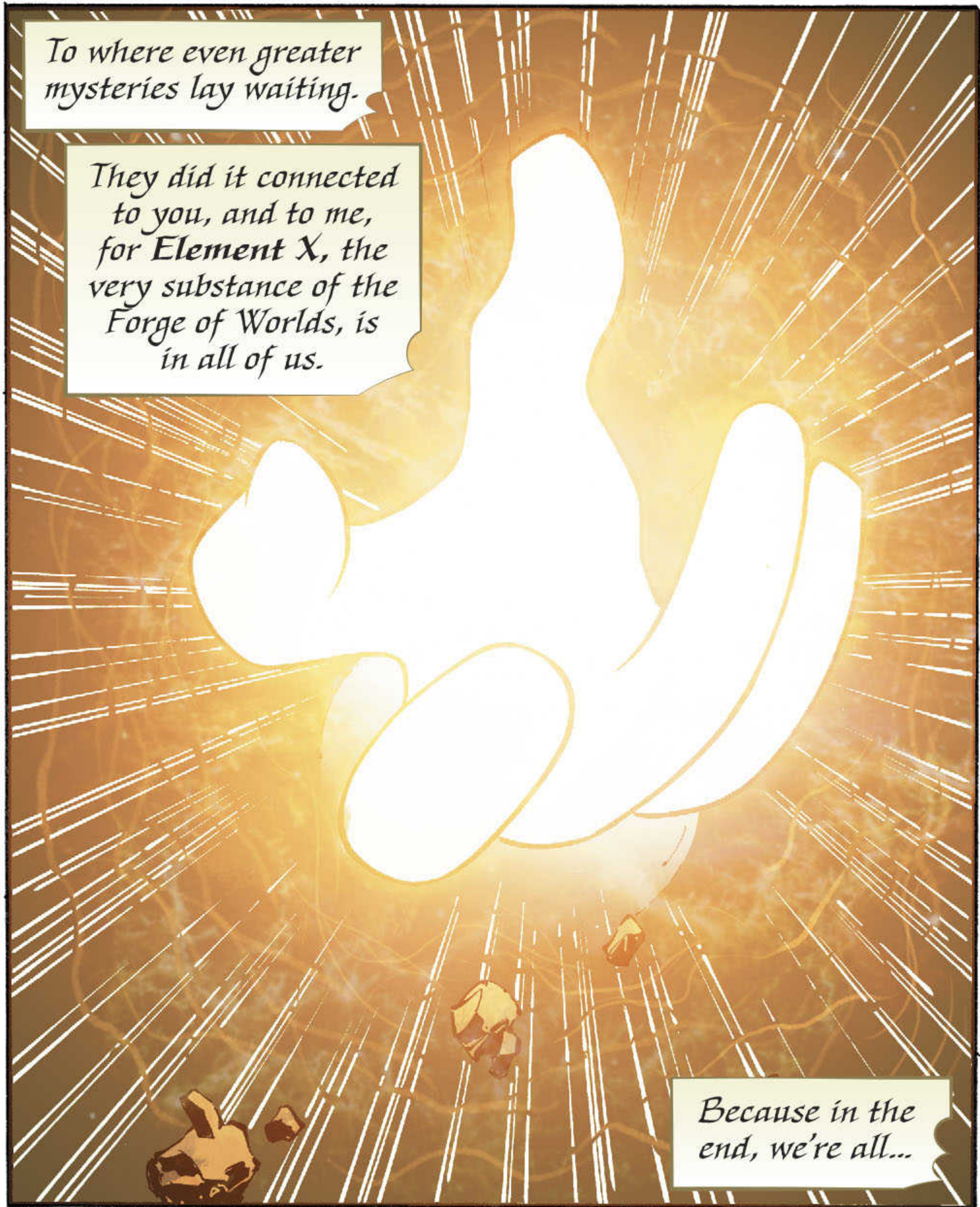
But then they went further, with all of us at their backs, to the very limit of the Multiverse.



To the Source Wall where everything ends.



And before they knew it, they'd broken through to the other side.



To where even greater mysteries lay waiting.

They did it connected to you, and to me, for Element X, the very substance of the Forge of Worlds, is in all of us.

Because in the end, we're all...

...a little metal.

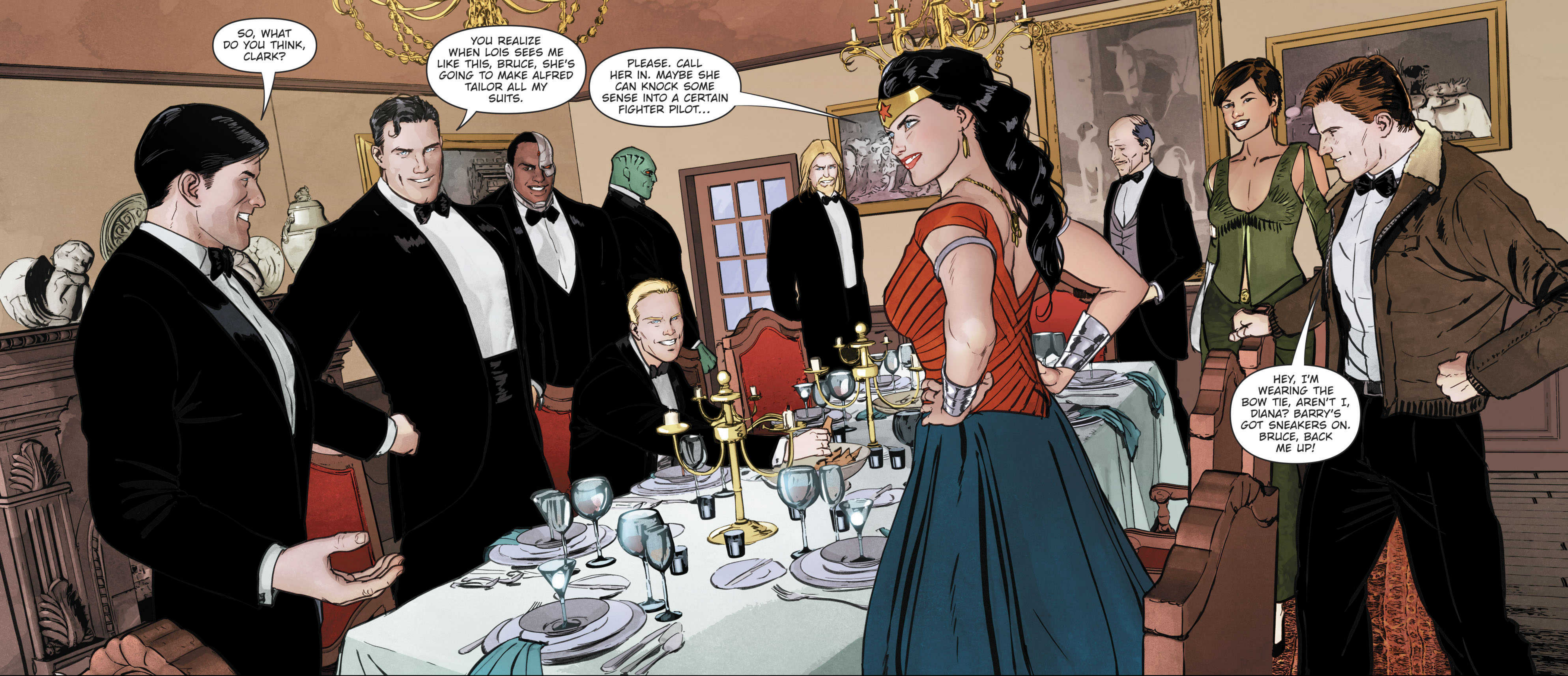


# EPILOGUE.

PLEASE,  
COME IN.

I DO  
HOPE I GOT  
YOUR SIZES  
RIGHT...





SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK, CLARK?

YOU REALIZE WHEN LOIS SEES ME LIKE THIS, BRUCE, SHE'S GOING TO MAKE ALFRED TAILOR ALL MY SUITS.

PLEASE. CALL HER IN. MAYBE SHE CAN KNOCK SOME SENSE INTO A CERTAIN FIGHTER PILOT...

HEY, I'M WEARING THE BOW TIE, AREN'T I, DIANA? BARRY'S GOT SNEAKERS ON. BRUCE, BACK ME UP!



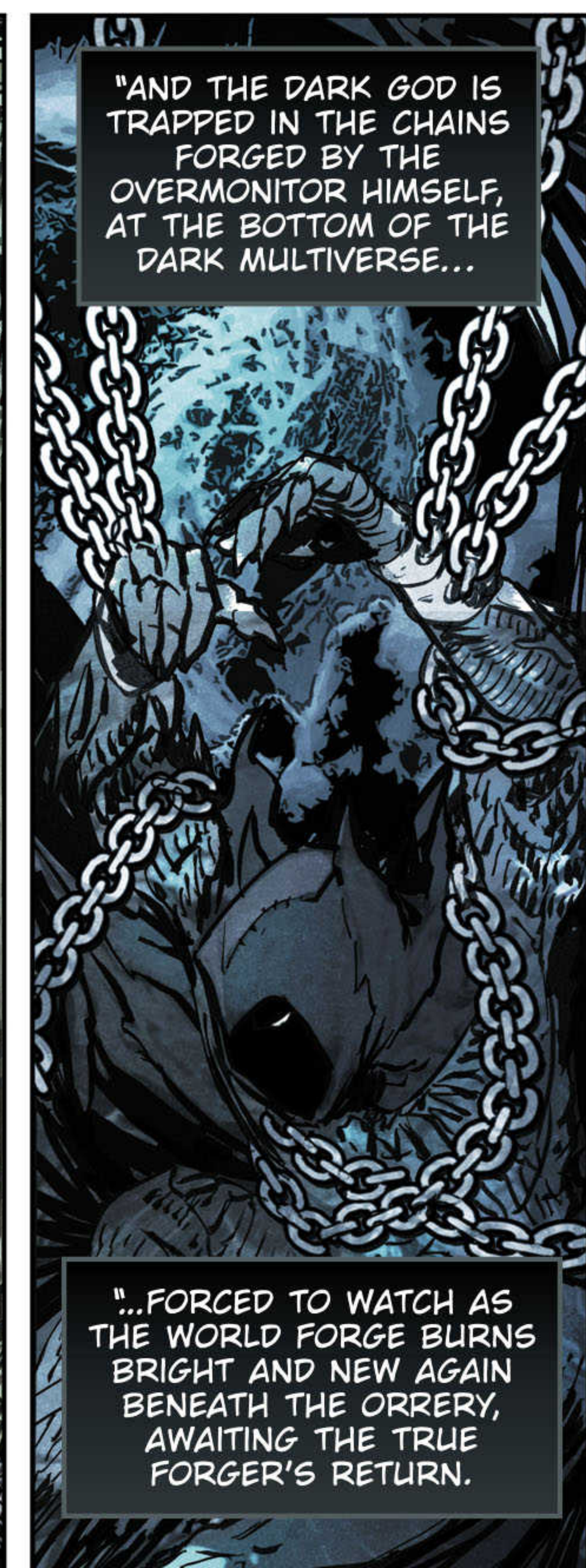
TO EACH HIS OWN, HAL.

BUT, EVERYONE...I HAVE A FEW WORDS I NEED TO SAY. ABOUT WHAT WE DID. WHAT WE OVERCAME, AND WHERE WE STAND.



"FOR THE MOST PART, OUR WORLD HAS BEEN SET RIGHT. THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY BARBATOS AND HIS DARK KNIGHTS HAS BEEN REVERSED.

"BY VIRTUE OF THE TENTH METAL ARMOR WE WORE, CHALLENGERS MOUNTAIN STANDS WHERE IT BELONGS, IN THE HEART OF THE ROCKIES, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A GENERATION.



"AND THE DARK GOD IS TRAPPED IN THE CHAINS FORGED BY THE OVERMONITOR HIMSELF, AT THE BOTTOM OF THE DARK MULTIVERSE...

"...FORCED TO WATCH AS THE WORLD FORGE BURNS BRIGHT AND NEW AGAIN BENEATH THE ORRERY, AWAITING THE TRUE FORGER'S RETURN.

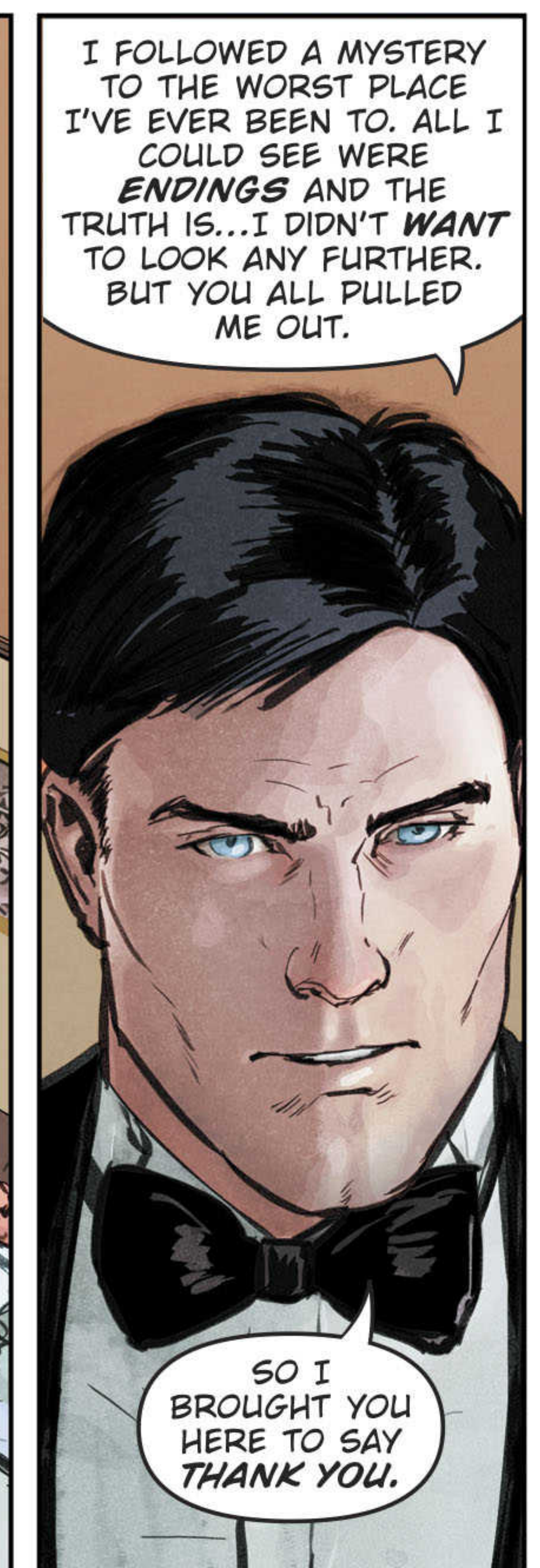


"OUR ALLIES FROM THE MULTIVERSE ARE REBUILDING THE HOUSE OF HEROES, PREPARING FOR THE NEW WORLDS THAT MAY RISE TO MEET IT.

"ALL OF CREATION IS RICH WITH NEW POSSIBILITY.

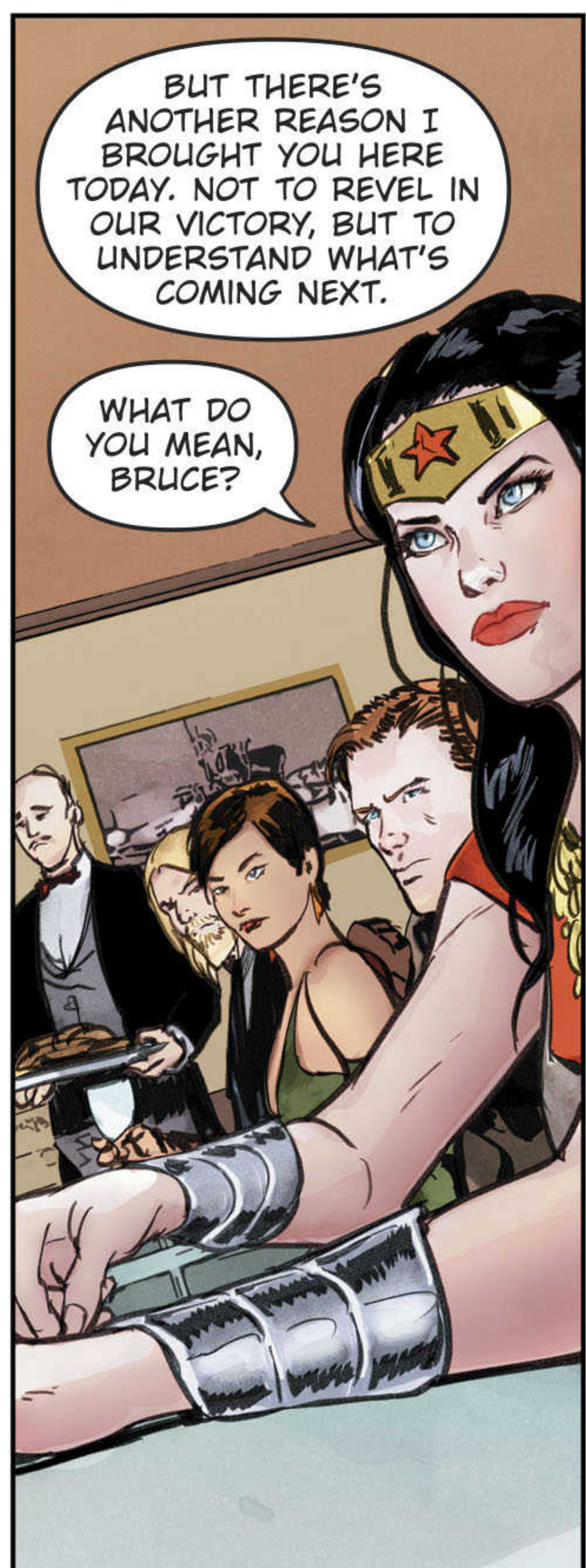


LOOKING AT YOU ALL NOW, I JUST WANTED TO SAY...I AM SO DAMN PROUD TO BE AMONG YOU.



I FOLLOWED A MYSTERY TO THE WORST PLACE I'VE EVER BEEN TO. ALL I COULD SEE WERE **ENDINGS** AND THE TRUTH IS...I DIDN'T WANT TO LOOK ANY FURTHER. BUT YOU ALL PULLED ME OUT.

SO I BROUGHT YOU HERE TO SAY **THANK YOU.**



BUT THERE'S ANOTHER REASON I BROUGHT YOU HERE TODAY. NOT TO REVEAL IN OUR VICTORY, BUT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S COMING NEXT.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, BRUCE?



KENDRA... IT'S TIME.

SAVED THE FUN PART FOR ME, HUH?

YEAH. OKAY.



"RIGHT NOW, ON BLACKHAWK ISLAND, CARTER HALL IS RESTING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS. EXPOSURE TO THE DARKENED WORLD FORGE TOOK ITS TOLL, BUT HE'S GOING TO MAKE IT.

"HAWKMAN  
WILL FLY AGAIN.

"BUT BEFORE HE FELL UNCONSCIOUS, HE TOOK HIS JOURNAL, AND HE STARTED TO WRITE WITH AN INTENSITY THAT SCARED ME. HIS FIRST ENTRIES RECORDED OUR BATTLE WITH BARBATOS, BUT HE HAD *SEEN* THINGS IN THE FORGE.

"THEY WERE FLEETING IMAGES, BUT HE NEEDED TO GET THEM DOWN BEFORE HE LOST THEM. NOT IMAGES FROM THE PAST, BUT FROM THE PRESENT.

"THE RUPTURE OF THE BARRIER BETWEEN REALMS OF THE MULTIVERSE HAS UNLEASHED NEW ENERGIES, REVEALED NEW BEINGS...AND NEW BATTLES.

TELL US, IMMORTAL MAN...  
WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

THIS IS THE DAWN OF A NEW AGE OF HEROES...

IF THEY CAN SURVIVE WHAT'S COMING FOR THEM.

"EVEN THE DREAMING HAS BEEN DISRUPTED."

MY LORD? DANIEL, ARE YOU THERE?

THE LIBRARY HAS STOPPED BURNING. THE CRISIS SEEMS TO HAVE ABATED...

WHAT'S THIS...?

NO, THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE.

A BOOK IS MISSING...JUST ONE...?

DREAM? DREAM, WHERE ARE YOU?!



"BUT EVEN MORE THAN THIS...THERE ARE IMAGES FROM THE *FUTURE*."

"AS WE KNOW, THE METAL WE USED TO DEFEAT BARBATOS HAD THE POWER TO CREATE AND DESTROY MATTER BASED ON ITS WIELDERS' DESIRES."

"WE DIDN'T REWIND THE UNIVERSE TO WHAT IT WAS BEFORE BARBATOS ATTACKED. WE *REBUILT* IT. AND IN DOING SO, WE MAY HAVE ALSO... CREATED *NEW* THINGS...FORGED FROM OUR OWN SUBLIMATED DESIRES..."

"JOTTED WORDS BY NAMES. LIKE... *LANTERN*..."

"...*DARKSTARS*."

"WHAT THINGS?"

"ALL WE HAVE ARE NOTES..."

"WONDER WOMAN..."

"...*DARK PANTHEON*."

"AQUAMAN..."

"...ATLANTIS..."

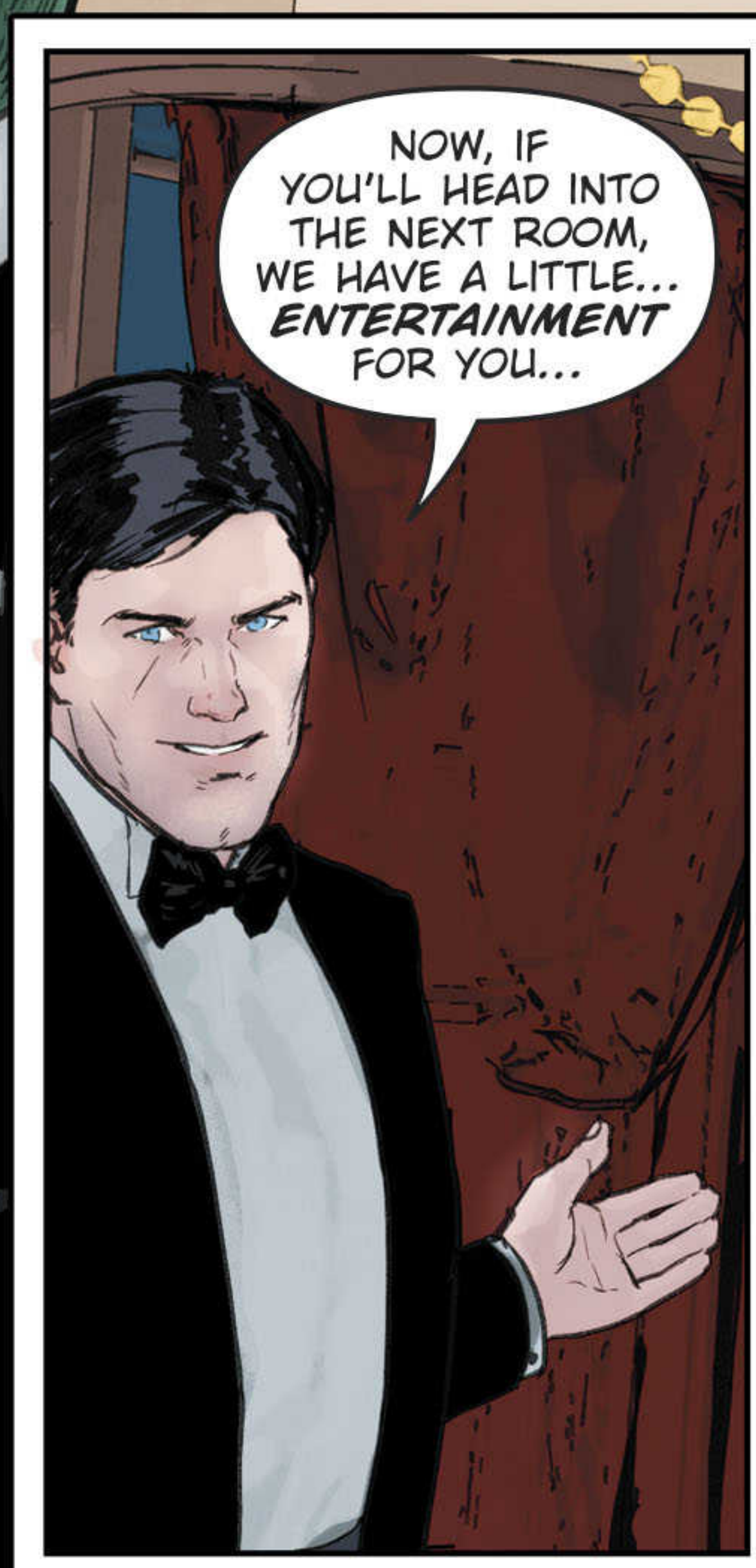
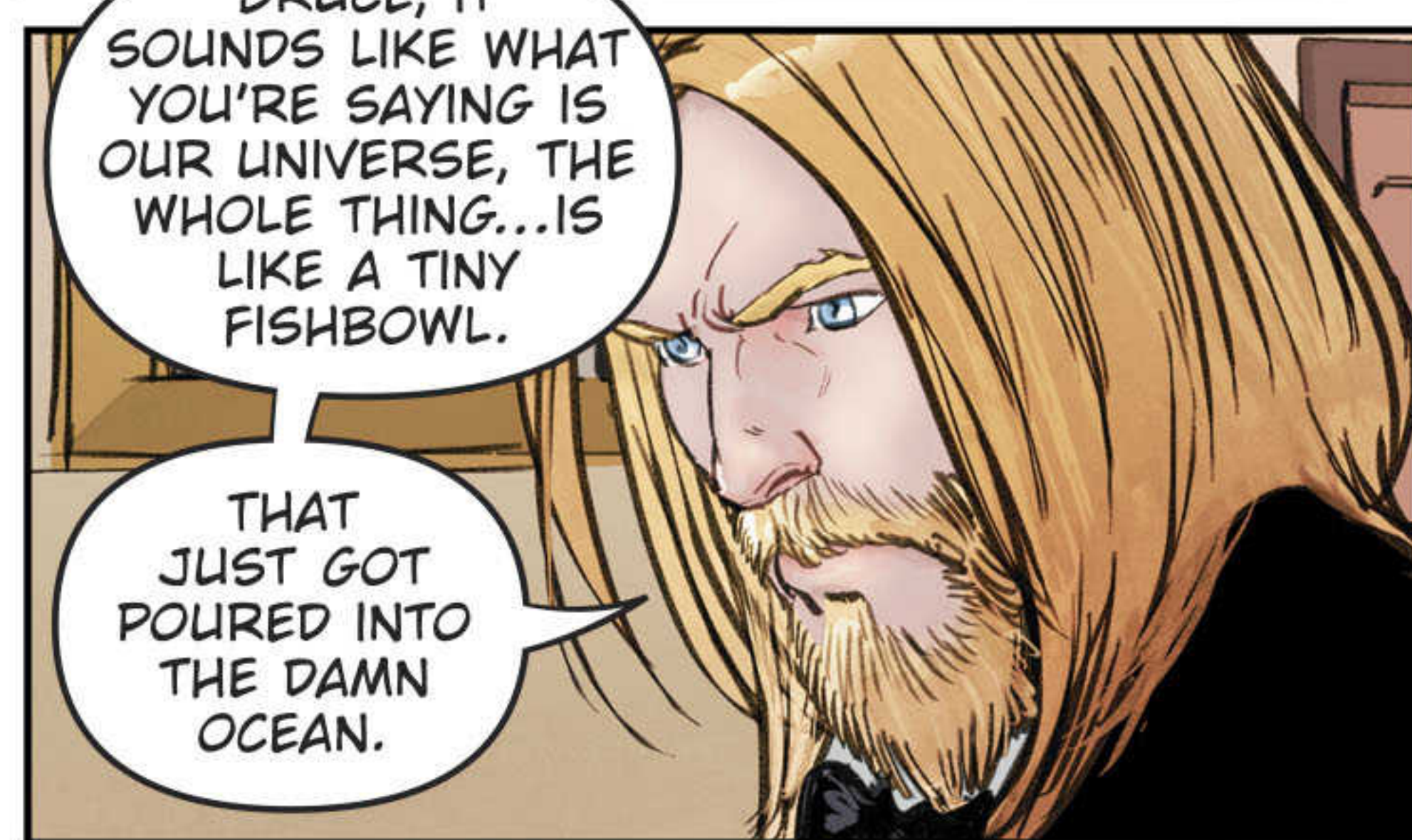
"...*RISEN*."

"NOW IF THIS IS TRUE, IF WE JUST BROUGHT SOME DARK DESIRES TO LIFE, THESE CHANGES, THEY'RE LIKELY TO HAVE *CONSEQUENCES*..."

"WHAT WILL YOUR LOVED ONES DO WHEN THEY REALIZE WHAT WE JUST ADDED TO REALITY? WILL THEY WAGE *WAR*?"

"AND WHAT ABOUT THE LONG-DORMANT FORCES OF THE UNIVERSE, STIRRED AWAKE? WHAT HAPPENS WHEN *THEY* COME FOR US? IF THEY DECIDE THERE'S BEEN NO *JUSTICE* FOR OUR ACTIONS?"

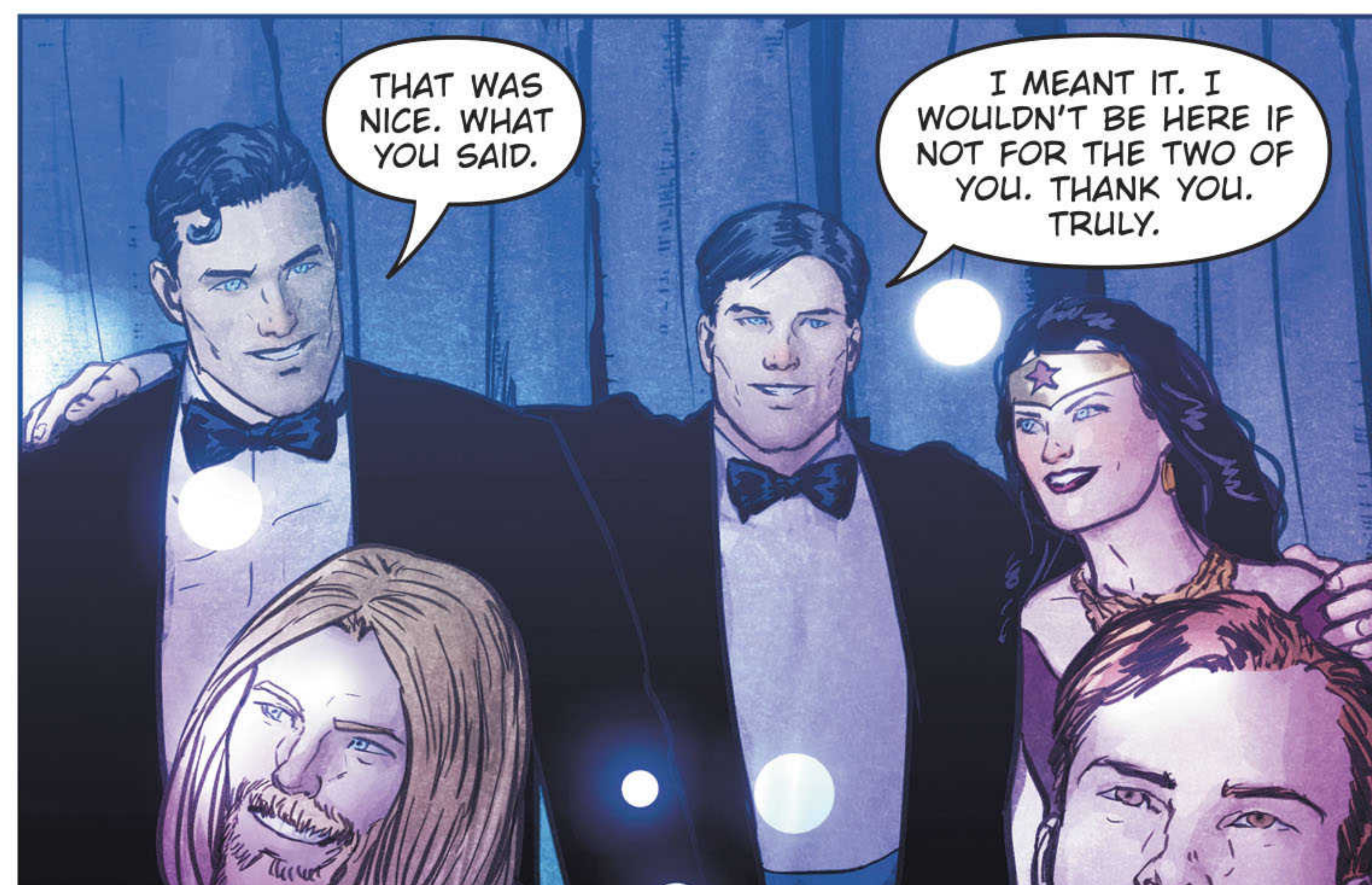








\*REMEMBER, KIDS, WHAT  
HAPPENS AT A BATMAN  
PARTY, STAYS AT A  
BATMAN PARTY.  
-TAY & DAVE



THAT WAS  
NICE. WHAT  
YOU SAID.

I MEANT IT. I  
WOULDN'T BE HERE IF  
NOT FOR THE TWO OF  
YOU. THANK YOU.  
TRULY.



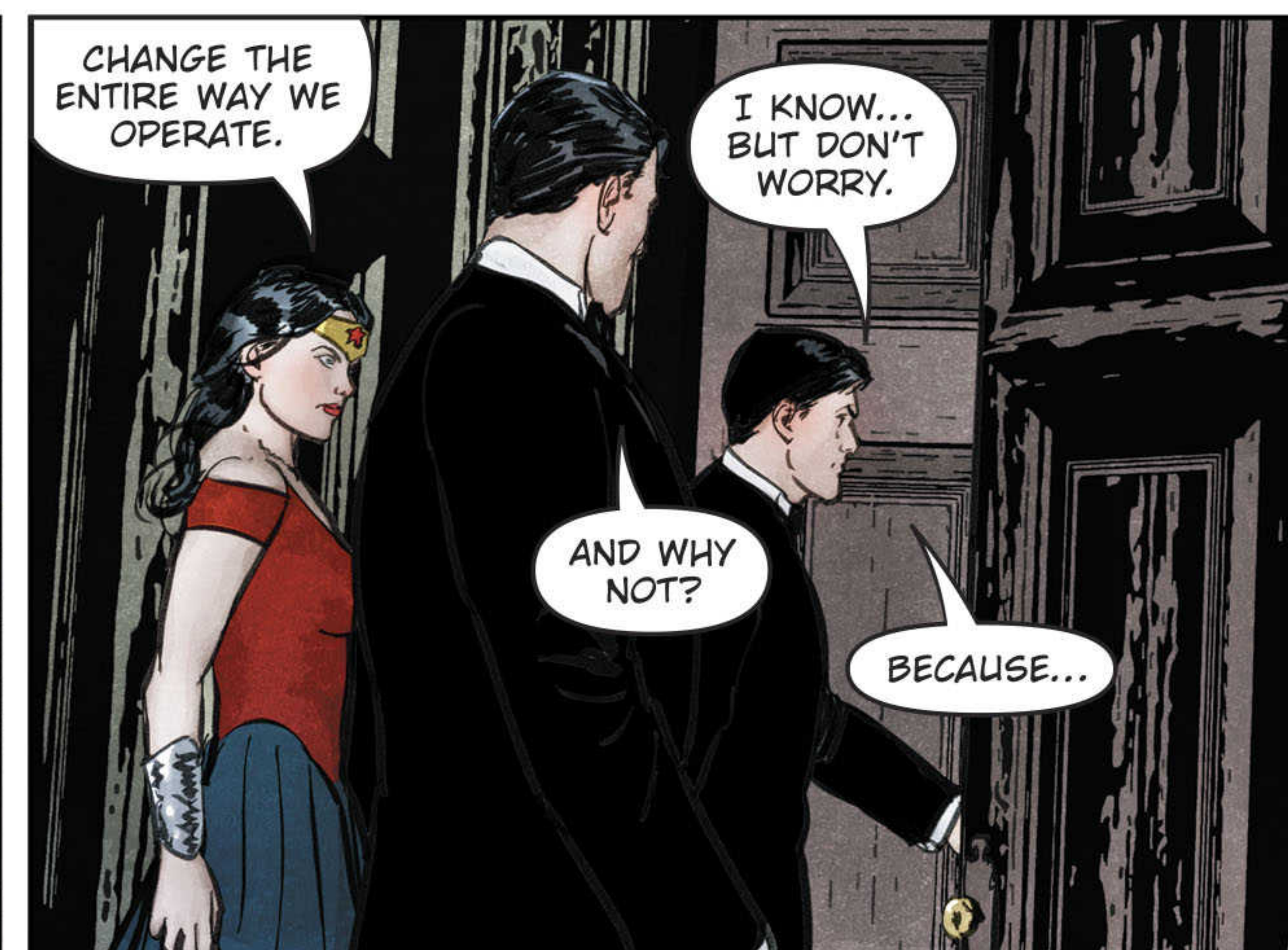
BUT YOU DIDN'T TELL THEM...THE FATES  
CAME TO ME, THE VISION THEY  
SHOWED, IF IT'S TRUE...

I KNOW.



GOD, WHAT WE'RE  
ABOUT TO FACE. OUR  
UNIVERSE JUST GOT SO  
MUCH BIGGER.

WE'RE  
GOING TO  
HAVE TO  
RETHINK  
EVERY-  
THING.



CHANGE THE  
ENTIRE WAY WE  
OPERATE.

AND WHY  
NOT?

I KNOW...  
BUT DON'T  
WORRY.

BECAUSE...





...I  
HAVE A  
PLAN.

HALL OF JUSTICE

End

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